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ANGLO FRENCH PINCERS ATTACK ANNAMITES

Combined Operations To Crush Indo-Chinese

400 PATRIOTS HAULED UP FOR COURT MARTIAL

Parade Of Tanks Before Palais De Justice

SAIGON, Oct. 24, (U.P.A.): Four hundred Annamites, captured while fighting in the Viet Minh army, were court martialled yesterday. Under the chairmanship of Colonel Rouger the court consisted entirely of French officers. Most of the 400 were sentenced to from 15 to 20 years' forced labour. The Annamites were charged with associating with criminals and carrying arms. The charge was based on Article 265 of the Statute of 1893. Among the accused were fifteen and seventeen year old boys caught carrying arms.

BASELESS CHARGES

Barristers declared they were not accepting money for the defence of the Annamites and French barrister Moreteaux in an address declared that the charge was without base since the Statute can only be applied if the accused associate with criminals and with criminal intentions unlike the Annamites taking part in a political movement.

Moreteaux also declared as ridiculous the charge of carrying arms in cases when only a small boy scout knife was found. Moreteaux said to Rouger, "If you condemn Annamites it is because you want to condemn them in any case." 15-year-old Mai Van Cau was acquitted but 17-year-old Pho Van Sang was condemned to twenty years forced labour for being found carrying grenades.

Leaving the Palais de Justice, a U.P.A. correspondent saw light tanks of U.S. manufacture lined up. They had just arrived in Saigon on the French ship Bearn. The equipment belongs to the Second French Armoured Division, charged with cleaning up Viet Minh in Indo-China.

The quelling of Annamite disturbances has become a full-fledged Allied operation, with British and Indian troops taking part in joint operations with the French, says the Associated Press of America.

The combined operations began yesterday with a pincer attack against hold-out Annamite forces north-east of Saigon.

British imperial troops, using artillery and mortars, and units of the Twentieth Indian Division moved in from one side of a nest of Annamite snipers while armoured car units of the French Second Armoured Division moved in from the other side.

In the push outward from Saigon, the Anglo-French pincer attack brought overwhelming force to bear against obstinate Annamite resistance and made it apparent that British forces now were interlocked with the French.

They made it clear that they feel they under-estimated the depth of Anti-French sentiment among the Annamites and that the French either made the same mistake or misled them into a hot-bed of colonial dissension.

British officials made no secret of feeling that the fact that they are now committed to fighting the Annamites will not help them in keeping order within their own Empire.

The British justify their joining hands with the French on the ground that uncontrolled Annamite bands fired on Empire troops even when they kept aloof from the French operation.

An Anglo-French joint 'communique' states that they are now employing surrendered Japanese to clear the trees which the Annamites had felled to serve as roadblocks.

Since the arrival of armoured vehicles at the port, the French are taking larger part in upcountry clearances.

SPORADIC SNIPING

As Allied troops occupied Thuduc without opposition yesterday, sporadic sniping and incidents in which bombs were thrown underlined the turbulent conditions in Saigon a few miles to the South, cables Michael MacDonagh, Reuter's special correspondent.

A small group of Annamites attacked a petrol dump guarded by the Japanese on Saigon north airfield, but the Japanese succeeded in repelling the attack, according to an Allied 'communique.' No damage was caused.

Five women—two French, two Chinese and one Annamite—were injured here yesterday when several grenades were thrown in the market place. An Annamite was arrested today after a chase through Saigon's main thoroughfare, following another bomb throwing incident at the Government Information Bureau a few minutes before Allied war correspondents had entered it for a press conference. A Frenchman was injured, but no damage was caused and the bomb was virtually ineffective.

SITUATION IN HANOI

The first French liaison mission from Saigon to Hanoi left last Friday to investigate the position of the French population in Tonki Province. It is headed by Col. Merambeau.

It is stated that the total French population of 20,370 are refugees in Hanoi Sports Club and are suffering from lack of food, clothing, and medical supplies. An appeal has been launched from Saigon by the French authorities for help towards the relief of the French in Tonki and the French military authorities are taking steps to ease the situation of 4,500 French troops experiencing the same conditions in Hanoi Citadel.

Many French are stated to have been turned out of their homes and suffered looting by the Japanese in the province.

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LET NOT FREEDOM DIE IN JAVA!

ITHACA (New York), Oct. 24 (A.P.A.)—Seven members of the Cornell University Hindustan Association sent a message to President Truman and Generalissimo Stalin declaring, "Pray let not freedom die in Java and Indo-China."

B. S. Sakaria, President of the Association, said similar messages are being sent by other Hindustan Associations in the United States.

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EMPIRE PREFERS BRITAIN!

LONDON, October 24 (Reuter).—The desire of India, the British Dominions and the Colonies to re-establish trade with Britain in preference to trading with America and elsewhere was an outstanding feature of the Empire Chambers of Commerce Conference in London last week, the report of which is issued today.

QUISLING EXECUTED

Norway "Ex-Premier" Pays For Treason

LONDON, Oct. 24 (APA): Vidkun Quisling, Norway's arch traitor whose name became synonymous throughout the world for collaboration, was executed by a firing squad in great secrecy at 8-10 this morning (I.S.T.), the Norwegian Embassy in London reported.

The Embassy said the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Justice had issued the following statement:

"The sentence of death passed on Vidkun Quisling on October 13 by the Supreme Court in Oslo was carried out by shooting. The Supreme Court did not recommend a reprieve. Neither could the state prosecutor.

"Quisling sent the King a letter in which he pointed out that he was innocent but added that he did not ask for a reprieve. "Mrs. Quisling, however, requested a reprieve on behalf of her husband

"In a cabinet meeting yesterday the King rejected Mrs. Quisling's petition for mercy and decided that the sentence be carried out.

"Quisling's relatives were notified of the execution at 14-30 (I.S.T.) today."

Reuter adds: Quisling took power on April 9, 1942, the day of the German invasion of Norway. The Norwegian Government, together with King Haakon, escaped and took refuge in Britain. Quisling seized the Oslo Radio station with a handful of Storm Troopers of his Nasjonal Samling Party, declared himself "Premier" of Norway and called upon Norwegians to cease resistance against the Germans.

At his trial Quisling was accused of having betrayed to the Germans detailed secrets of Norway's military defences and of having violated the Norwegian Constitution.

It is stated that he had subscribed to a plan to incorporate Norway in a "Germanic Federation" with Hitler as the President.

Police Open Fire In Madras

12 Labourers Injured In Lathi Charge

MADRAS Oct. 24 (API): The police opened fire after a lathi charge to control an unruly crowd of labourers who, it is alleged, pelted stones at the railway and the police staff near Avadi Station yesterday.

No one was injured by the firing, but some labourers are reported to have sustained injuries by the lathi charge and about 12 of them were treated at the military hospital at Avadi. The police also sustained minor injuries.

It is reported that some trouble arose between the railway and police staff and labourers who work at Avadi and who travel by train every day. Two persons were handed over by the railway staff on Saturday last to the Railway Police at Avadi for travelling without tickets.

It is alleged that following this stones were thrown by a crowd at the police outpost and two persons were forcibly removed from police custody by the crowd.

Yesterday a local train proceeding from Madras was stopped at Avadi by pulling the intercommunication chain. The railway staff and the police went to the spot to investigate the matter. It is alleged that the labourers who had collected there pelted stones at the police, who after due warning made a lathi charge and subsequently fired three rounds.

The Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Saidapet, camping at Avadi is investigating.

TENDENTIOUS PROPAGANDA AGAINST I. N. A. DEPLORED

Asaf Ali Says Evidence Of Generals Who Handled Malayan Situation Will Be Vital In Trial

BEAWAR, Oct. 24, (A.P.I.): Speaking at a huge public meeting at Beawar, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru made a passing reference to the impending trial of the members of the Indian National Army and said that the Vanishing Govt. of the day wanted to try those who should set that Govt. on its trial.

TENDENTIOUS PROPAGANDA

NEW DELHI, October 24 (A.P.I.)—Mr. Asaf Ali, a member of the Indian National Army Defence Committee, estimates that the I.N.A. trials may last five to six months.

Mr. Asaf Ali who is now engaged in seeing witnesses, in an interview today said recording of a summary of some the prosecution witnesses had taken three days in the preliminary stage. The prosecution had produced a large number of lengthy documents. The defence is also calling for a large number of documents. "It is obvious", Mr. Asaf Ali said, "that some of them will take longer time in the court and some of them may be under examination for a week. I cannot say how long the examination of prosecution witnesses will take for whom we must allow equal time. Then I fear the trial will easily extend over five to six months.

Mr. Asaf Ali deplored what he characterised as "tendentious" pronouncements by certain high-placed people in regard to the I.N.A. trials.

AMERICA'S GESTURE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (Reuter).—It is learned that the United States have asked the British and Dutch Governments to have all Lend-Lease insignia removed from any equipment used in quelling the Indonesian revolts.

The explanation of this given in well-informed quarters is: "We do not see how we can take away the equipment, yet we want to make clear that the United States is not involved in this trouble."

Great Britain has already agreed, but the Dutch Government has not yet replied.

BAN ON EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN IN MINES AGAIN

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI, Oct. 24.—With effect from February 1, 1946, the Government of India have decided to reimpose the ban on employment of women under mines. Three months notice to mineowners is expected to be given on November 1. The ban was lifted during the war on account of coal shortage and poor raisings due to paucity of labour.

DOCK STRIKE TO CONTINUE

Hopes Of Early Settlement Dashed: Move To Force Govt. Interference

(Reuter) Manchester and London dockers at a mass meeting to-day decided to remain on strike despite the Union leader's calls to resume work, says "Reuter".

The men are claiming 25 shillings daily pay and a 40-hours week, as well as assurances that there will be no recriminations when they return to work.

Well over 40,000 men are still out in ports throughout Britain, and all but the most necessary and perishable cargoes, which are being unloaded by troops, are accumulating at docks awaiting unloading.

Thus the hopes expressed following the 200 dockers' delegates meeting with high officials of the Transport Workers' Union yesterday that there might be an early end of the strike have been dashed to ground.

Shivering in biting wind which brought intermittent showers of rain, about 1,000 attended a meeting in London to-day and unanimously agreed to a resolution by the London Strike Committee, expressing "surprise and disgust at the result of the National Delegates Conference, whose report, when sifted, amounts to those now famous words: 'Return to work pending negotiations'."

The Strike Committee resolution added: "Our policy is to undertake now all possible means to get Government to force an early settlement, inasmuch as the employers have flatly refused our demands and we will certainly continue the struggle with this object in view."

NEW DELHI, Oct. 24 (API.) The Viceroy presided over a meeting of Executive Council, says a Court circular.

The "Bombay Chronicle Weekly" has been publishing a series of exclusive articles by Louis Fischer, well-known writer on Indian affairs and author of the book "Week with Gandhi". The next article which will be published in the "Bombay Chronicle Weekly" of 28th October will be on "Atom in World Affairs".

SOEKARNO'S APPEAL TO UNITED STATES

Will Welcome Participation Of Russia And China In Mediation

LONDON, OCT. 24 (A.P.A.): DR SOEKARNO, THE INDONESIAN REBEL LEADER, IN A BROADCAST STATEMENT FROM JAVA TODAY, SAID THAT HE WOULD WELCOME RUSSIAN AND CHINESE PARTICIPATION IN A SETTLEMENT OF THE DUTCH-INDONESIAN DISPUTE.

The statement, read over the "Free Indonesian Radio" and heard here by the Associated Press of America, told Indonesians of Soekarno's recent appeal to America to act as mediator and added: "It may assist a peaceful settlement....if the United States of America is willing to intervene, the more so if Russia and China also took part in the settlement of this Indonesian problem."

Meanwhile, Lieutenant-Governor Hubertus Van Mook has sent three well-trained Holland educators who are administrative officers of the Netherlands Indies Colonial Administration to the residence of Indonesian "foreign minister" Soebardjo to arrange a meeting with President Soekarno and his Cabinet. All are Indonesians—Dr. Abdul Majib, Dr. Tamzil and Dr. Muwalladi.

Soebardjo revealed the overture move. Van Mook has made no statement.

Persons close to the Soekarno Government have described the three as the most favourable type of representatives sent by the Dutch so far in an attempt to work out a satisfactory solution with the unrecognised government.

The President Indonesian Republic, Dr. Soekarno, stated to-day that he, with the Vice-President of the Java Central Council, Dr. Mohammed Hatta and 15 other prominent Indonesian Republicans, met the British Foreign Office Representative, Mr. Maberly Denning, for an informal talk last night.

Stop Press

CIVIL WAR STILL RAGING IN SHANTUNG

CHUNGKING, Oct. 24 (U.P.A.)—Civil war is reported still raging in Shantung. The Governor of Shantung stated that fighting began at the Tsingtao rail line between Communist and Government forces. Heavy battles are being fought in the Wensien, Foshain, Pashalen and Chingwan sectors, and along the Tientain-Pulkow railway. It is estimated that there are 100,000 Communists against 140,000 Government troops with reinforcements on the way for the latter.

INDIA FRANCHISE BILL RECEIVES ROYAL ASSENT

LONDON, October 24 (Reuter).—The Indian Franchise Bill received Royal assent in the House of Lords today. It makes temporary provision for the inclusion on electoral rolls in India of persons returned from war service, and to relax the residence qualifications for those persons and to extend certain Indian franchise qualifications which depend on service in His Majesty's forces or on the award of a pension.

HOLLYWOOD POLICE NAB PARAMOUNT PICKETERS

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (Reuter).—Hollywood police have arrested 100 strikers picketing Paramount Studios in an effort to enforce the judicial order limiting the number of pickets at the Paramount and the RKO Studios to 22 each.

About 50 of those arrested sat down and refused to move when the police ordered them to disperse. As soon as the pickets had been taken away, seven buses conveying workers entered Paramount Studios.

NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS

WASHINGTON, October 24 (Reuter).—Mr. James F. Byrnes, the United States Secretary of State, at his press conference today, said there were no developments in the White House correspondence with Moscow and London in the endeavour to break the impasse after the Foreign Ministers' Conference in London.

Anderson On Dalton Budget

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter): Sir John Anderson, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the late Conservative Government, declared himself as "not an unfriendly critic" of the Labour Government's budget when the debate was resumed in the House of Commons to-day, cables Reuter's Parliamentary Correspondent.

There were, however, some criticisms. It was really a staggering thought that expenditure was to be allowed to continue at the present rate for the rest of the financial year.

Government was showing too great a complacency. Sir John joined in the hope that the budget might be balanced earlier than in four years hence.

He approved restraint of purchasing power until more goods are available and the vigorous policy of price control until the return of normal times.

Sir John Anderson was sorry that the Chancellor had made so positive a declaration about keeping prices stable without qualification. "Success in that policy is entirely dependent on wages being kept at reasonable levels", he said.

Otherwise, the country would be faced with all the dangers of inflation.

On the Anglo-American financial talks in Washington, Sir John said, "I have the greatest confidence in the competence of the negotiators and hope that patience and restraint will be exercised in all quarters".

He hoped that now that all uncertainty regarding motor taxation was removed, trade would settle down to the maximum production of cars for export. Sir John was in complete agreement with the restoration of income-tax personal allowances, but criticised the proposals in regard to increases of surtax.

"Economic inequality is, from the national point of view, not only not an evil thing, it is positively good, subject to conditions that the lowest level is not too low and the highest levels are all attainable to all as rewards of character, ability and enterprise.

"I confess", he said amid cheers, "that this first budget of a fully responsible Labour Government shows promise which I hope will be fulfilled in further instalment as they come along. My last word to the chancellor is: "Watch the spending departments with an eagle eye."

He particularly referred to a recent speech of Sir Maurice Halett, Governor of the United Provinces, and said: "It is a universally accepted principle of law and justice that every one is presumed to be innocent until he is proved to be otherwise. In any case the matter is to be judged by a court and statements calculated to prejudice the case are deplorable. One cannot easily control irresponsible opinion, but it is expected at least of those who hold responsible positions that they will refrain influencing opinion on the army.

Similarly Mr. Asaf Ali objected to the expression "puppet" in describing the organisation to which the accused belonged. "In view of the forthcoming trial the whole question is an open issue and one would expect judgment to be held in suspense until the issue is decided one way or the other.

Mr. Asaf Ali said that the defence plea for an adjournment of the trial would be inevitable. "The defence," he said, "are faced with an enormous task that the time at our disposal is totally inadequate for collecting and sifting all the material necessary for the defence. In spite of all the facilities which the authorities are giving us, it is physically impossible to get through a mass of material required for the defence within the time available before the commencement of the trial. It is pretty certain that the trial is to commence on November 5. I seriously doubt whether it will be possible for us to interview more than 25 out of nearly 90 witnesses by that time. In spite of every possible effort it will not be possible for us to assess the value of all the mass of documentary evidence.

The more closely we pursue the subject, the more evident it becomes that the evidence of some of the Generals who handled the Malayan campaign will become vital."

Gen. Percival As Defence Witness In I. N. A. Trial

NEW DELHI, October 24 (A.P.I.)—According to an unofficial source Lt.-Gen. A. E. Percival, G.O.C., Malaya, at the time of the fall of Singapore may appear as a defence witness in the forthcoming I.N.A. trial, it is learned here. About 25 witnesses for the prosecution are all said to be Indian Officers and men. Many of them are reported to be in detention.

Over a hundred letters a day are received at the Indian National Army Defence Committee office in Delhi seeking information about prisoners of war and INA personnel. Some 5,500 such letters have so far been received.

The Committee is dealing with these through a separate section under Khurshid Ben and Mr. Jugal Kishore Khanna. Besides letters they are receiving visitors in search of news of relatives.

The purely legal aspect of the Committee's work is looked after by Mr. Asaf Ali, who is in charge of a second section of the Committee.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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Commons Business Speed Up Plan

Bills To Go To Select Committees; Palestine And Egypt Figure During Questions

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter): The Select Committee which has been considering ways of speeding up the House of Commons procedure in its first report published to-day approves a proposal to refer substantially all Bills to Standing Committees. As many Standing Committees should be appointed as are necessary expeditiously to dispose of the Bills coming from the House, thus saving time on the floor of the House.

The Standing Committees should normally sit half an hour longer than hitherto and if necessary, should sit three days weekly to relieve congestion.

The Government should be empowered under certain conditions to adjourn the House of Commons after questions so that the Standing Committees can sit.

QUESTION TIME

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, answering a question about Anglo-Egyptian Sudan in the House of Commons to-day said that he had received no formal representations on the matter from the Egyptian Government and that he did not propose, and would not advise the questioner, to invite them either.

The question had been raised by Squadron-Leader Segal who asked what changes were contemplated in the future status of Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, and if any reply had yet been tendered by the British Government to the recent representations from Egyptian Government for its annexation to Egypt.

Mr. Bevin replied: "Anglo-Egyptian Sudan is governed by the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936 and I have nothing to add at present to the reply of August 22 concerning the question of revision of that Instrument.

On August 22, Mr. Bevin had said that the British Government would at an appropriate time approach the question with the same friendliness and appreciation of mutual interests as characterised the concluding part of the recent speech by the Egyptian Prime Minister in the Egyptian Parliament.

Squadron-Leader Segal: "In view of the far more urgent problem in Central Europe, will the Minister urge the Egyptian Government as one of the unfortunate countries in the war, not to press unduly for revision of adjacent territories in the present state of world affairs."

Mr. Bevin: I have received no formal representations on the matter and I don't propose and would advise Sqr.-Leader Segal not to invite them either.

EX-MUFTI OF JERUSALEM

Mr. George Hall, Secretary for the Colonies, told Mr. Gammans (Conservative), that the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem was in the hands of French authorities. In reply to a question, he said that he had no statement to make at present whether the ex-Mufti was to be treated as a traitor or a war-criminal.

Asked how the ex-Mufti came into the hands of the French authorities, Mr. Hall replied that he could not say without notice.

Answering a question from Earl Winterton (Conservative) about incidents in Palestine on October 10 when a British member of the Palestine Police force was killed, Mr. Hall said that the police were instructed to exercise great care and forbearance in the use of firearms, but that it did not extend to return of fire if attacked. No order had been issued or would be issued forbidding the police to use their arms in any circumstances. On occasion of ambush, the police immediately returned the assailants' fire.

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NO END OF HUMILIATION FOR INDIA

Master On Ratification Of United Nations Charter

Mr. M. A. Master, President, Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, has issued the following statement on the action taken by the Government of India in ratifying the United Nations Charter:

It is a matter of deep and profound regret that, in spite of the universal demand in the country for years past that leaders in the country enjoying the confidence and respect of the people should be sent as representatives of this country to International Conferences and that no agreement or arrangement arrived at such international gatherings and that no convention or Charter drawn up at such meetings should be confirmed or ratified without the concurrence of the Central Legislature, the Government of India have been following their traditional policy to ignore public opinion and show scant respect to the feelings of the people both in regard to representation of India at such world gatherings and in connection with the ratification of such arrangement as may be arrived thereat.

A fresh instance of grave and far-reaching consequences of once again flouting Indian public opinion in matters of such supreme importance is the ratification of the United Nations Charter by the Government of India, that is the Governor-General-in-Council. Neither was the national voice of India allowed to have its say at the San Francisco Conference nor is the Indian Legislature given an opportunity to have its say on the United Nations Charter drawn up at that Conference. The inspired message from Delhi that the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly left no alternative to the Governor-General-in-Council but to ratify the Charter assuming the consent of the Legislature and the public is only adding insult to injury. The United Nations Charter was ready in its complete form as far back as July last. Had the Government of India recognized their responsibility in this grave matter, they could have arranged for the meeting of the Legislature between July and the date of the dissolution of that Body and given the Legislature the opportunity for expressing its views on the various issues raised in the Charter and for expressing its judgment on the subject of its ratification. In view of the developments that have taken place since that Charter was drawn up and the want of unity amongst the "Great Five" which is becoming more and more clear in regard to the fundamental objects—underlying that Charter, it was the bounden duty of the Government to consult the people and their representatives of the Central Legislature. The manner in which the people of the countries in the South-East Asia who have been standing up for their freedom and self-Government have been suppressed makes it esential that the Government should not have ratified the United Nations Charter at their sweet will without giving the fullest opportunity to the people to have their say as to how such Charter has been expressing itself in actual action and in the relation of people in the international world. The haste and secrecy with which the Charter has been ratified can only confirm the suspicion of the people that the Government wanted to save themselves from any unenviable situation which might result from a possible adverse vote of the Legislature. That is why they have ratified the Charter. This is one more proof of the fact that notwithstanding a change in the Government in the United Kingdom and in spite of all professions of earnestness to transfer power to the people of India, in actual life, His Majesty's Government are so directing the Government of India that India is obliged to play the second fiddle to Great Britain in all spheres of international life and have to exhibit itself only as an appendage of Great Britain for giving that country an extra vote at International gatherings. Mr. Wedgewood Benn (now Viscount Stansgate) remarked some years ago that India was enjoying Dominion Status in action. At a time, however, when England professes to give actual Dominion Status to India, India is continually humiliated by being compelled to follow a policy of subservience and carrying out the behests of her Rulers both from Delhi and Whitehall.

Royal Charter For National Institute Of Sciences

Recognised By Govt. As Premier Scientific Body In India

NEW DELHI, October 24 (A.P.I.)—The Government of India have recognised the National Institute of Sciences as the premier scientific body in India and steps are being taken with the appropriate authorities in England to give it a Royal Charter.

Sir Ardeshir Dalal, Member for Planning and Development, made this announcement at the second meeting of the Scientific Consultative Committee which met here.

The Committee considered the report of the Industrial Research Planning Committee which was presided over by Sir Shanmukhan Chetty, the Hill report and certain alternative suggestions received from members regarding the organisation of scientific research in India, in particular, a scheme based on the Australian pattern.

A point on which difference of opinion continues to exist is whether a central body should merely co-ordinate research carried out by specialist bodies or direct and control them.

In the light of the discussions at the Committee meeting, Sir Ardeshir Dalal will submit a scheme to the Government of India suitable for present-day conditions in India.

The Committee decided that it would be wiser to wait for some time before starting new research institutions—proposed by the Chetty Committee—as a number of them had recently been started. It was, however, felt that an Institute of Food Technology was essential.

CESS ON INDUSTRIES TO FINANCE RESEARCH

On the question of cess to be levied on industries to finance research, the Committee agreed that the principle of cess on industry was sound, but the method of collection should be by a surcharge on income-tax paid by industrial undertakings. The amount of contribution by industry should be the same as that of Government.

Among those who attended the meeting were: Dr. Sir S. S. Bhatnagar; Prof. Meghnad Saha; Dr. Nazir Ahmed; Lt.-Gen. Loch; Lt.-Gen. J. B. Hance; Dr. J. A. Dunn; and Mr. H. V. R. Iyengar, Joint Secretary, Planning and Development Department.

INDIA & CHINA CAN CO-OPERATE IN FIELD OF SCIENCE

BANGALORE, Oct. 23 (A.P.I.)—The hope that in the very near future India and China would exchange scientific material and personnel was expressed by Miss Lu Gwei-Djen, adviser on nutritional science to the British Scientific Mission in China, in an interview to the "Associated Press of India" today.

Miss Lu who is now touring India arrived in Bangalore yesterday from Delhi after visiting Bombay.

RAJAPUR SHIKSHAN PRASARAK MANDAL

Record Of All-Round Progress

The report just issued by the Shikshan Prasarak Mandal of Rajapur shows that the institutions run by the Mandal have been making all around progress in the activities of their High School and also the Agricultural School. The Mandal has added one more line by starting the Hand-Made Paper Institute. The foundation stone of the building for this Institute was laid by its President, Rao Bahadur U. S. Desai, and the Institute started working from January last.

The High School maintains a good record. During the last matriculation examination a student of the school not only stood among the first ten, but got distinction in all subjects and also won the Chatfield Scholarship for 1945.

The Agricultural School is making steady progress, and Poultry, Dairy and Bee-keeping sections have been recently enlarged. The farm area has also been extended with a view to provide facilities for practical training in farm work. English is also taught in addition to the agricultural training.

Compulsory carpentry instruction is given to students in Standard III IV and V. Painting classes recently attached to the school have shown satisfactory results in the examinations held at the J. J. School of Art. In view of the increasing number of girl students, the management has decided to introduce special instruction in sewing and needle work for their benefit. The school continues to be a centre for all the Hindi examinations of Wardha and the results have been fairly satisfactory.

The management has ambitious plans for the future. The Carpentry class has to be developed into a good workshop for mechanical training. The management is anxious to have a building of its own for a suitable and decent hostel. The Hand-Made Paper Institute is still in its infancy, and needs to be developed. All this needs funds and the management looks to the public for continued support to its forward activities.

HYDARI TIPPED FOR C. P. GOVERNORSHIP

NAGPUR, Oct. 24 (API): The "Hitavada" forecasts that Sir Akbar Hydari is likely to be appointed Governor of C. P. and Berar.

The paper says: "It is noted that Sir Akbar's appointment to Governor-General's Executive Council is temporary, which may be taken to mean that the Viceroy expects some kind of political settlement next summer as soon as provincial elections are over. Sir Akbar has long been tipped as the prospective Governor of C. P. and Berar."

WALK-OVER FOR 23 CONGRESSMEN

CUTTACK, Oct. 24 (A.P.I.): The Congress has met with success in the Cuttack District Board elections. After scrutiny of nomination papers it has been found that 23 out of 32 Congress candidates have been returned without a contest.

The Congress has to contest only nine seats. In Puri district the Communist Party is setting up candidates in eight constituencies.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AT RANGOON

Defeated Jap Generals Surrender Swords

RANGOON, Oct. 24 (A.P.I.): Japanese Generals of the defeated army in Burma surrendered their swords this morning to Lt.-Gen. Stopford, G.O.C., 12th Army, at a public ceremony held at the University Estate which now houses the Army Headquarters, writes the 'A.P.I.' special correspondent.

The ceremony, though short and simple, was impressive.

Build Swaraj From Bottom, Says Prakasam

MADRAS, Oct. 24 (A.P.I.)—"No one in this country, however eminent, should be under the mistaken impression that Swaraj could be built from the top. It must be built from the bottom and only then it would be strong enough", declared Mr. T. Prakasam, President, Andhra Provincial Congress Committee, addressing the students of Engineering College at Guindy on "The Political Situation" in the country.

Referring to the coming elections Mr. Prakasam said that through the elections they were asked to establish real Swaraj at the Centre and in the Provinces.

Some of their communist friends wanted to contest the election, but he would tell them that they were bound to lose their deposits if they did so.

SUPPORT CONGRESS

India's Struggle Is Against World Imperialism, Says Deo

(From Our Correspondent)

VILE PARLE, Oct. 24.

"I am sure the people of India will support the Congress to a man: because the people know that the Congress is the only organisation that is fighting for the independence of India and in it has challenged the mightiest of the empire of the world", so said Mr. Shankerrao Deo, member of the Congress Working Committee, who opened the election campaign in Suburban District when Mr. B. G. Kher occupied the chair.

Sjt. Deo began by asserting that the Congress had risen from strength to strength at each movement for the freedom of India.

But unfortunately, he observed there were sectional interests, obstinately trying to obstruct the onward march of the country. The Muslim League's claim to represent the entire Muslim people was preposterous. The Congress and the Nationalist Muslims would show in the neat election that the League was not the only body but one amongst them representing the Muslim feeling.

The fight that the Congress was carrying on against British Imperialism was really the fight against the world imperialism, because with the end of British imperialism in India, the French and Dutch and other imperialist, enthusiasts would have no stronger backing as was to-day offered by the British Labour Premier, Mr. Attlee. The Indian problem was thus both national and international in its background, and, therefore, the future of the suppressed nations of the world was interwoven with the future of India. It was with this view that their great President, Maulana Azad, had declared observance of the South-East Asia Day. It was with this view that Indonesian leader had invited Pandit Jawaharlal to view for himself the position in Dutch East Indies.

It was, therefore, that the Congress was claiming their support.

Mr. Balasaheb Kher thanked Sjt. Shankerrao for his lusid interpretation of the India's struggle and exhorted the public to stand firmly by the Congress.

ROWDISM AT SANE GURUJI MEETING

JALGAON: Stones were hurled at a Congress meeting addressed by Sane Guruji, who was recently arrested and is now on bail. Mr. Sane, however, addressed the meeting for one hour.

The Guruji appealed to the voters to support Congress candidates as the elections were vital for the freedom of India. All dominated countries of Asia, he said, were looking to the Indian National Congress for lead.

PANT'S PLEDGE TO SIKHS

CAWNPORE, Oct. 23 (A.P.I.): An assurance that the Congress would spare no means to meet the genuine demands of the Sikhs was given by Pandit G. B. Pant speaking at a dinner given in his honour by Sardar Inder Singh, President, Central Sikh Diwan, last night.

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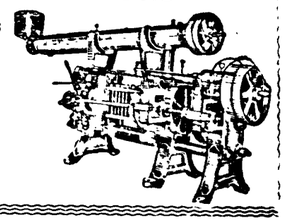

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Domestic Occurrence

DEATH

MR. PESTONJI KAIKHUSHROO NICHOLSON of Bruel and Company, husband of Bai Goolbanoo P. Nicholson expired on Wednesday morning, 24th October. Funeral took place yesterday evening. Oothamna ceremony will take place at his residence "Kai Meher" Pochkhanawalla Road, Worli, at 3 p.m. (B.T.) to-morrow Friday the 26th October.

To-day's Engagements

MAZDAZNAN: Lecture on "Sound and its Art" by Miss Mehru Khan, today at 6 p.m. at Mazdaznan Alexandra Girls' School Hall, Waudby Road.

EFFICIENCY CLUB OF INDIA: Talk on "Promotions" by F. P. Fernandes, today at 6-15 p.m. Conference Hall, Electric House.

IRANIAN RULER'S BIRTHDAY: To celebrate the birth day of his Imperial Majesty Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi, the Consulate of Iran will hold a reception at the Taj Mahal Hotel tomorrow at 5 p.m.

PASSENGERS & TRAFFIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION: Annual General meeting today at 5-0 p.m., in the rooms of the Association, Albert Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.

SANTACRUZ CONGRESS COMMITTEE: Applications were filed for the new voters in the Bombay Legislative Elector rolls.

PALESTINE DAY: The offices of the Memon Merchants' Association and the business of Hundees, payments and receipts, etc., will remain closed on the 26th instant Friday in accordance with the resolutions of the All-India Muslim League and in sympathy with the Muslims of Palestine all the members will keep their business closed.

AHRAR CANDIDATE: Hafiz Ali Bahadur Khan is a candidate for the coming Provincial Assembly elections from Bombay City North and Suburbs. He is contesting on a Ahrar ticket. Mr. Ali Bahadur Khan will open his election campaign at a public meeting to be held in Ghelabhai Street (Madanpura) at p.m. on Sunday.

DEEWAR IN AID OF ADULT EDUCATION

At the request of the Committee, Sjt. Prithviraj Kapoor has consented to stage the popular drama 'Deewar' of the Prithvi Theatres in aid of the adult education campaign in the City on 11th November, 1945, at 9 a.m. at the Royal Opera House. The tickets can be had at the Committee's Office—Yusuf Building, Churchgate Street, Near Flora Fountain, Fort, Bombay. (Telephone No. 32475).

Call To Congress Dal Volunteers

Dr. T. R. Naravane, the G.O.C. of the Congress Dal, writes:

All the volunteers of the Congress Dal are hereby informed to be present at the Nare Park, Parel, at 7 a.m. (S.T.), today (Thursday) in uniform, to work for the Congress candidate Dr. V. B. Korgaonkar for the Municipal by-election in Ward No. 14.

SARDAR PATEL'S BIRTHDAY AND SILK MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION

The Silk Merchants' Association, Bombay, has decided to fully co-operate the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee in the elaborate programme of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 71st birthday celebration which is to take place on 31st October, 1945. It is further decided to observe that day as a holiday, to garland Sardar Patel and to participate in the presentation of civic address. The market will be decorated as much as could possibly be arranged.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

THURSDAY OCT. 25.
BOMBAY—1.

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—a.m. 8-0 News (H) 8-15 News (E) 8.30 Rajanikant Desai 8.45 Jaltarang 8.50 News (M) 9-0 News (G) 9-10 To-morrow 9-15 Shaikhlal Qawwal 9.30 Instr. Variety 9.45 Premlata Naik

12-30 p.m. Songs (H) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 News (H) 1.0 Selections 1.30 News (E) 1-40 Music 2-30 For Women 4.20 Rajanikant Desai 4-50 Premlata Naik 5-10 Jagannathbuwa Pandharpurkar 5.45 Topical Talk 5.55 Locals 6-0 Pinakin Trivedi 6.15 AIR Quartet 6-30 News (E) 6-40 News (H) 6.45 Thumri 7-0 Book Review (G) 7-15 J. Pandharpurkar 8-0 Shaikhlal Qawwal 8.15 News (M) 8.30 News (G) 8-45 Music Selected by Listeners 9.0 News (H) 9-20 News (E) 9-30 B. B C. News 9-40 Pilu 9.45 Sports Review (E) 10.0 Raghbir Singh (Clarione) 10-10 Interlude 10.15 Barbara Braganza 10-25 Interlude 10-30 Kazimiera Lipszy.

STRIKE WAVE HITS SUBURBS

Bombay Garage Workers Resume on Wednesday

(From Our Correspondent)
BANDRA, Wednesday.

Claiming a Victory bonus of a month's salary 1,500 workers of factories in the Suburban area went on strike.

Of this 800 workers belong to the Bombay Garage, Santa Cruz. These workmen, it is understood, without giving the necessary notice to the management, went on strike on Saturday and on Tuesday they started in procession from the Bombay Garage and went along Ghodbunder Road to Bandra and later saw the members of the Labour Tribunal in Bombay. It is believed the Labour Tribunal convinced the strike leaders that there was no ground for the strike and so the workers resumed this morning. The workshop today was working with its full complement.

ONE ARRESTED

The other strike occurred in a rubber factory at Jogeshwari were 400 men are on strike and 300 workers of a cigarette factory at Chackala have also closed work. Both these strikes still continue peacefully.

At the rubber factory a striker who interfered with a loyal workman on Tuesday evening was arrested, while the Proprietor of the cigarette factory was forced to close the factory to-day as no workmen attended.

Musical Award For Bombay Karnataki Artiste

Smt. Alamelu Mangamma, the well-known Karnataki artiste of Bombay has been conferred the title of 'Ganaratnam' at a public function arranged in her honour at Bangalore. Dr. T. C. M. Royan, Minister for Education and Public Health in Mysore Government presided over the function, and the medal and 'Birudupatra' were presented by Mysore Palace Vidwan K. Vasudevachar, one of the doyens of Karnataki School of Music. Smt. Alamelu is the youngest disciple of Krishna Bhagavatar of Bombay whose other disciples like Smtis. Lalitha Venketram Sundaramma Raghaviah and Chellammal have established reputation in Karnataki music circles. Incidentally it is worthy of note that his senior disciple Smti. Lalitha Venketram has been invited to participate in the All-India Music Conference at Allahabad. Smt. Alamelu after the award of the musical honour had been on an extensive tour in South India giving a series of recitals in distant places like Bangalore, Trivandrum and Madras. She is the youngest of the front-rankers to be recognised as a 'titled' artiste.

K. A. C.

Sardar In Bombay

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel accompanied by his daughter, Miss Maniben Patel, arrived in Bombay on Wednesday evening by the Poona Express. They were received at Victoria Terminus by Mr. Nagindas T. Master, President, and Mr. S. K. Patil, Secretary, and other office-bearers of the B.P.C.C.

Mr. Mangaldas Pakvasa also arrived in city by the same train.

Sardar Patel is expected to stay in the city till the end of the month.

MATUNGA CONGRESSMEN'S SORROW

At a joint meeting of the Matunga and Sion Taluka Congress Samithies, the following condolence resolution was adopted:

This meeting of Congress workers held under the auspices of the Matunga and Sion Congress Samithies and workers of this locality deeply mourn the death of one of our most precious workers, a great patriot and a gem of womanhood, Shrimati Satyavati Devi. It conveys our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

U. P. WITHDRAWS EXTERNMENT OF BERI

BOMBAY, Oct. 24 (U.P.I.): The United Provinces Government have withdrawn the externment order served on Mr. Dayaram Beri, a former member of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee. A telegraphic intimation to this effect was received from the U. P. Government to-day by Mr. Beri who is now in Bombay.

BARBARITIES IN NAME OF ISLAM

Bengal Speaker Condemns Hooliganims By Leaguers

CALCUTTA, Oct. 24 (A.P.I.): Mr. Syed Nausher Ali, Speaker of the Bengal Legislative Assembly, has condemned hooliganism at meetings and elsewhere, which, he says, has become a regular feature of the activities of a section of Muslim Leaguers.

Mr. Nausher Ali says: "It appears to have been receiving inspiration encouragement and support from some undisclosed quarters. Not a word of condemnation against the barbarism upto now has been uttered by any Muslim Leaguer, leader or otherwise."

Mr. Nausher Ali adds that this is the last phase of the un-Islamic activities of the Muslim League and is bound to meet with the same fate that befell the non-believers. How long, he asks, will Muslim India tolerate such barbarities in the name of Islam?

FURTHER HEARING OF PURDY CASE

Defence Witness Turns Hostile

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Two defence witnesses were examined to-day at the resumed hearing of the case against Dr. M. G. Purdy, Mallikarjun Rao, Robert Goodall and Reuben Sefarian in which they are charged with escape from lawful custody, assault, wrongful confinement and aiding and abetting each other.

Rafiq, a convict prisoner, who had been sentenced to five years' imprisonment for an assault on Mr. Jinnah two years ago, was the first witness for the defence and he turned hostile when he came to the box.

Subedar Rameshwar of the Arthur Road Prison stated that he was away from jail when the escape was made and he had returned on hearing the alarm from the jail. He had seen the prisoners after they had been brought back in the jail hospital. They were injured, but he had not seen anyone being assaulted before him. Convicted prisoners usually wore jail clothes and it was not possible to wear civilian dress beneath them. Witness contradicted the statement that he had assaulted accused 3.

At this stage the proceedings were adjourned to October 31.

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Shops Act Provisions Suspended For Divali

The Government of Bombay has suspended the early-closing provisions of the Bombay Shops and Establishments Act for certain classes of shops for the Dewali holidays from November 2 to 8, on condition that no shop is kept open after 10 p.m.

The shops concerned are: Sweetmeat shops, shops selling fireworks, flower shops, cloth shops, tailoring establishments, fruit shops, provision shops, shops selling perfumery, account books and leather goods, jewellery shops, washing companies and hair-cutting saloons.

All-India Printed Periodical's Exhibition

Under the joint auspices of our Marathi, Gujarati and Hindi Kumar Sahitya Mandals (Youngsters' Literary League) an All-India Printed Periodicals' Exhibition is arranged at Indian Education Society's Girls' High School, (Noor Building, in front of Dadar B.B. Station). It contains 700 periodicals on various subjects and in eight prominent languages of India. Entrance fee is one anna. The Exhibition is open daily from 8 to 11 a.m. and from 3 to 7-30 p.m. up to Friday the 26th Oct. 1945.

G. B. Railway Sections Resume Normal Working

All sections on G. B. Railways excepting Kosamba-Zankhavav and Jambusar Samni have now resumed normal working. The Jambusar Samni section is expected to resume working early next week while the Kosamba-Zankhava line might take some more time and will probably resume work in the first week of November.

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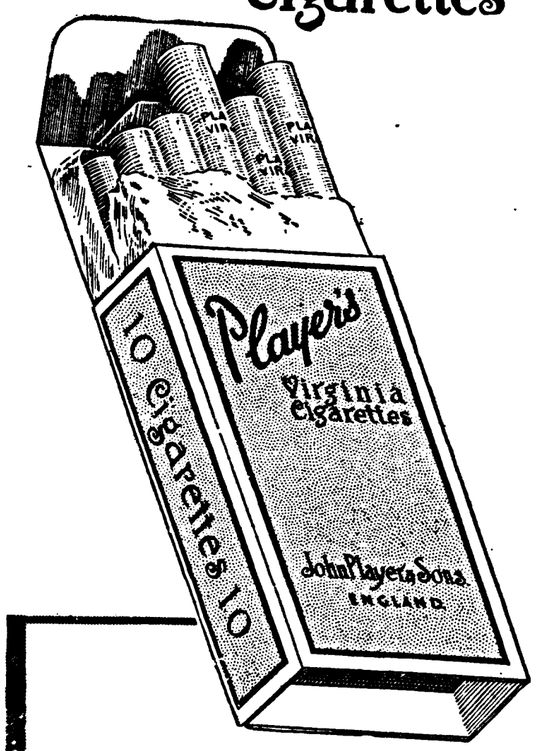

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POONA, Oct. 24 (API.)

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The history of India in the Middle Ages is in fact a story of assimilation and synthesis. Even as early as the time of Babar, the process of assimilation had gone so far that he could characterise it as a new and unique mode of life, a mode to which he gave the name of the "Hindustani way." Those who seek to boast today of the purity of the Hindu or of the Muslim culture in India are therefore ignorant of history or else they lack the capacity to understand the nature of historical processes—Humayun Kabir in "India Speaking" edited by Sir Manilal Nanavati and C. N. Vakil and published by Vora and Company, Bombay.

The Bombay Chronicle

SWARAJ IN THE STATES

If Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's observations on the future constitutional position of the Princes are more plain and blunt than might be relished by them or their supporters, it is mainly because too many Princes have consistently refused to appreciate the rights of the people in the States. Though repeatedly urged in resolutions and speeches, to understand the significance of the changing times, their reply, as pointed out by Pandit Jawaharlal, has always been to refer to treaties, engagements and Sanads. But surely mighty constitutional revolutions have taken place all over the world during the last one hundred and fifty years and the Indian Princes cannot act as if they had nothing to do with them. Wiser Princes have realised the need for radically changing the constitutions in the States but their observations are too vague to satisfy their own subjects or give a lead to other Princes. The Standing Committee of the States Peoples' Conference has reason to complain that "vague statements are not helpful at present when final decisions are impending." It is urgently necessary for the Princes to formulate their constitutional proposals definitely in consultation with the leaders of the States' people and those of India as a whole. This will be in the interests of the Princes themselves as well as the States people. As Pandit Jawaharlal observed, it is far better for the Princes spontaneously to adjust themselves to changing conditions than to be compelled to do so by the force of circumstances. The sooner they do so, the better will be their position in the inevitable New Order in India.

The Princes cannot object that they are not aware of the definite demands of the States people. At various conferences of the States people resolutions have been passed demanding responsible Government. Pundit Jawaharlal now makes clear the implication that the demand would allow the Princes to remain, provided they agreed to hand over the reins of administration to the people's representatives. Their constitutional position would then be the same as that of the British King whom they acknowledge as their Emperor. The sooner they assume this position, the more will they be respected and loved by the people and the more will be their dignity as Rulers. All this refers to the larger States only. As regards the smaller ones, Pandit Jawaharlal joins many other constitutional reformers in declaring that their existence as independent entities is impossible in the future and that they should either co-operate with each other and evolve bigger units or merge themselves in the neighbouring provinces. The mighty changes that are destined to take place in the States can be, comparatively smooth if a good step forward is taken straightway in all the States towards the goal of responsible Government. This will make it easier for the Princes to represent duly the States people at the forthcoming session of the Constituent Assembly. As we have suggested before, it would be a good plan if the Nawab of Bhopal as Chancellor of the Princes' Chamber and Pandit Jawaharlal as President of the States People's Conference, could meet and evolve a plan acceptable to both.

After all that has taken place in the world during the war for freedom and democracy, in which the Princes and the people of India have participated, it seems possible that the gulf between the Princes and Indian leaders is much less wide than it used to be and more easily bridgeable and that responsible government is accepted by the Princes as the ideal and differences are only with regard to the pace of progress towards it. It is also significant that, in response to the statements made by or on behalf of some Ruling Princes expressing sympathy with the political aspirations of the States people the Standing Commitee of the States People's Conference has adopted a resolution appreciating these sentiments and offering "to co-operate with the Rulers and Governments of the States on the basis of rapid progress towards responsible government and due representation to the States people in the Constituent Assembly on a fully democratic basis. The Committee, however, rightly insists that "any change in the policy of the States Governments must begin with full recognition of civil liberties without which it is impossible to have free elections or to make any substantial progress in the direction of freedom and representative institutions." The Committee's offer to co-operate with the Rulers smoothens the way to the meeting we have suggested and it needs to be brought about without any further delay.

British Budget

It is one of the paradoxes of the British political life that the more advanced reforms are initiated by Parties of the Left, but are usually carried out by parties of the Right, while the conservation of national energy and traditional institutions, which is upheld as a political ideal by parties of the Right but often broken in practice by them, is maintained intact by parties of the Left despite all their professions to the contrary. Long ago, in his "Intelligent Woman's Guide to Communism and Socialism", Bernard Shaw pointed out that while capital was most profuse in patriotic professions, but was willing at any moment to migrate on the temptation of even half a per cent increase in interest, Labour was perfervid in professed disregard of national barriers, and yet, by the nature of its case, was far more rigidly bound to the soil. An apt illustration of this paradox is provided, in a most curious manner, by the latest British budget, wherein considerable reduction of taxation,—particularly that on income and profit—has been promised as from the next financial year by the first really effective Labour Government. These taxes were imposed, in their prevailing rates, by the Coalition Ministry in which the Conservatives had overwhelmingly predominated. Dr. Dalton, the erudite Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer, has announced a reduction in the standard rate of income-tax by 10 per cent. He has added to the exemptions from this tax burden, which would bring welcome relief to something like 2 million tax payers, at the cost to the Exchequer of nearly 90 millions in a full year. This relief will, no doubt, go to the hard-pressed lower ranks of working men and middle class tradesmen and in that, the proposal is in full accord with the Labour ideal. Moreover, it is to a considerable extent offset by an increased surcharge on incomes over £12,000 per annum, which will mean no unjustifiable or unnecessary burden on shoulders that cannot bear it. The budget also proposes relief to the war profiteer of two-fifth of the excess profits tax, reducing it from 100 per cent to 60 per cent. At first sight, the equity or necessity of this relief may be questioned, but Dr. Dalton considers that the money thus released will go back into industry and active operations for new wealth production. If this happens, it would be a compensatory consideration, but the Chancellor gives no guarantee and adopts no measure that this will happen. Reading between the lines of the Chancellor's budget statement, taken as a whole, it is evident that he would have been willing to give further reliefs which are more than half promised for the next financial year, were he not very much more afraid of adding to the inflationary tendency, likely to be released in full force if additional purchasing power was suffered to get into public hands to be used for goods which are still scarce or unavailable.

This completes the paradox mentioned above. It is the more striking inasmuch as the size of the deficit remains practically unaltered. The restoration of the country's pre-war economy will unavoidably take time, not only because of the difficult and complicated process of demobilisation and reassimilation of men and women drafted for war service, whether at home or overseas, into the normal peace-time avocations, but also because the problems and consequences, arising out of the war, have to be faced, both in the United Kingdom, and wherever the Allied forces had to fight. In face of this fact of current national economy, Dr. Dalton believes the first surplus budget in Britain cannot be expected till perhaps three or four years later though this time he expects the process of rehabilitation would be speeded up much more than at the end of World War I. A bold, far-sighted financier, he is not frightened merely by the fact of a deficit budget. A surplus budget may be perfectly in order when trade is good and general prosperity established. That is the time to build up national reserves which may be available to meet equally unavoidable deficits when the national economy is on the downward grade. Surplus and deficit budgets are, however, relative terms, in the proper perspective of national economy. The Labour Chancellor has no doubt that they can, and should, be deliberately planned, in accordance with the changing conditions of the national economy, from time to time, and over a series of years. This is a realist view of the British financial situation, which few of Dr. Dalton's bourgeois predecessors seem to have realised. The compliment, therefore, paid by Mr. Churchill, himself an ex-Chancellor, to the new Finance Minister of Britain, is amply merited.

Of the many problems which the British Exchequer has to face in the immediate future, not the least is that in regard to the problem of national restoration, rehabilitation and restoration of the pre-war norms. This is complicated by the country being already pledged to such items of heavy new expenditure as that in connection with the Social Security according to the Beveridge Plan, education and public health, increased family allowances as well as old age pensions, housing, colonial development and general welfare of the people. All this would necessarily swell normal public expenditure which, it may be assumed, will be balanced, in course of years by decline in the defence budget and armaments outlay. But that will not be abolished altogether in the immediate future. Britain's national economy will thus mean a continued heavy strain to meet all these obligations, which, for years together, will result in a level of taxation as high as that necessitated by the war. A connected problem of the same kind is that in regard to the credits needed by Britain for purposes of national restoration, rehabilitation, and reconstruction. Dr. Dalton has been wisely reticent in regard to the future of the Anglo-American negotiations on the subject of a new dollar loan. Press reports abound in gloomy forecasts and predict complete failure of these negotiations. The Chancellor, however, has thrown out a hint of hope in suggesting that not all that is reported in the press need be believed. If Britain does not get, on reasonable terms, immediate assistance from the United States to enable her to make the indispensable purchases for her national restoration, rehabilitation and reconstruction, she would not only be obliged to curtail her imports drastically, and strive her utmost to increase her exports, she will have to review much more seriously the possibilities of maintaining the sterling bloc, so as to attain to a degree of self-sufficiency, if not within her own frontiers, at least with the aid of members of the British Commonwealth. If this course is adopted, it will be of little benefit to the world at large, including the U.S.A. But its prospects are by no means too bright, as not only Canada, which has much closer affinity with the United States, and for all practical purposes has her economy geared to her neighbour below the 49th latitude, but also much more important countries, like India, have radically divergent interests and aspirations that cannot be easily harmonised with the corresponding British interests. To reconcile these would need statesmanship and foresight of the highest order and the Labour Government would be tried as much by such problems of peace as the Coalition Government was tried by problems of the war. Peace, they say, hath its victories no less renowned than war. The tests and trials of peace are no less onerous and according as the Labour Government meets and passes through the crucible, will its labours be appreciated by the contemporaries, and benefit posterity.

Frankly Speaking

Rural Electrification

We welcome the decision of the Bombay Government that the electrification of several rural areas should form part of its reconstruction scheme. The areas given priority may not be the fittest for the purpose from the purely economic point of view and may have been preferred from the demobilised soldiers' point of view. But we expect that once a beginning is made in rural electrification, its benefits will make its extension easy enough. We value the electrification particularly for its advantage in making suitable cottage industries and even agriculture more paying. And for that very reason we are happy to learn that the Government has under consideration the question of providing loans to artisans and agriculturists to enable them to purchase looms, pumps and other equipment. If there is no favouritism on political or personal grounds the whole scheme should yield very encouraging results.

Plight Of Indians In Malaya

According to an Associated Press message Pandit Hridayanath Kunzru has received a cable from Mr. Seish Chandra Goho, President, Indian Association, Singapore, saying that the Indian community of Malaya wants his and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's help to send a Commission to Malaya to inquire into all matters affecting the Indian community there. From the extreme brevity of the message and the question whether Pandit Jawaharlal "has received any message" one fears that messages from Malaya are being drastically censored. In any case the position of Indians in Malaya seems to have become very serious and yet little is known here. An inquiry commission, therefore, needs to be sent from here urgently. The public will readily endorse Pandit Kunzru's suggestion that non-official members of the Emigration Committee should be deputed to Malaya to investigate and report on the position of Indians there. Meanwhile the Member for Commonwealth Relations should issue a statement forthwith on the basis of whatever information has been so far available to him.

Wanted Enquiry

Responsible workers of the Adivasi Seva Mandal, of which Mr. B. G. Kher is the president, have issued a report, after making personal investigations on the spot, on the circumstances attending the firing by the police on the Adivasis of Bhilad and other neighbouring villages in the Umbergaon taluka of Thana District on the night of the 10th instant. The report is a sober document, of which neither the facts disclosed nor the conclusions arrived at by the investigators are capable of being easily challenged by the local police or authorities. While the fact is found to be true that Adivasis armed with hatchets, lathis, etc., gathered together, in response to a mysterious call, it is not clear whether the police resorted to firing precipitately or after giving sufficient notice and warning to the assembled Adivasis. The matter requires to be thoroughly investigated, not by local officials or higher police officers, but by an independent body of officials and non-officials. Secondly, the Seva Mandal workers report that the police have made and are still making indiscriminate arrests, creating widespread panic among the villagers and that the landlords are taking advantage of the situation to terrorise the labourers and compel them to accept lower wages than those fixed at the Collector's meeting at Sanjan. It is the duty of the Collector and his subordinates in the taluka to see that such victimisation of the ignorant villagers is put a stop to. The Seva Mandal workers have further drawn attention to the strange fact that the Backward Class Officer, whose duty it is to look after the interests of the Adivasi and other backward people, was nowhere to be seen. Why is he relegated to the background? An official explanation is needed.

FIRING ON ADIVASIS

Origin Of The Trouble: Police Make Indiscriminate Arrests And Landlords Exploit Panick-Stricken Villagers

The honorary secretaries of the Adivasi Seva Mandal have issued the following statement on the firing on the Adivasis near Bhilad in the Umbergaon Taluka of the Thana District:—

Our first statement has already appeared in the Press. We toured the area for five days from Monday, the 15th to Friday, the 19th October. Our first task was to ascertain how many were killed, how many wounded and whether there was any arrangement made by the authorities or other agencies for rendering medical and other aid to the victims of the firing and then also to ascertain the origin of the incident and the condition of the landlords, who were assaulted. We saw the District Superintendent of Police immediately on our arrival at Bhilad. He was not able to give the figures of the casualties suffered. We had a long talk with him regarding the origin of the trouble, the subsequent developments, the cause of the firing and the measures taken by the Government to allay the public feeling. We then saw the two members of the Dhapare family at Shirgaon who had been assaulted by the Adivasis on the 9th, i.e., a day previous to the first firing. We found that one of them had received a severe beating by lathis all over his body.

ORIGIN OF THE TROUBLE

We proceeded to Talasari where the Mandal opened an Ashram last year. Between Bhilad and Talasari lies the area where the firing took place. During the period of our camping at Talasari for three days and at Bhilad for one day, we visited about ten hamlets on either side of the Talasari Bhilad Road (i.e., the Bombay-Ahmedabad Road). We found the Adivasis terror-stricken, as a result of the firing and of the posting of armed police parties in several places in this area. We visited the mother of one Jetha Kakaya Gangad from Varvada, who was killed in the firing on the night of the 10th. We also met some of the wounded from the different hamlets. We got first-hand information from these and other persons as to how the firing took place on the night of the 10th and on the 11th. According to them, a cry was raised on the 10th sometime after it got dark in some of the hamlets towards the northern Bhilad side that every one should come with lathis, hatchets, etc., to Talvada, a market place where the Communists had been holding the meetings, and it was passed on through the night from hamlet to hamlet. Hearing this cry, people began to rush to that side. The District Superintendent of Police with a police party had gone to Achhad to arrest some alleged decoits. He met a crowd nearabout Achhad. He tried to pacify it, but some mischief-mongers began throwing stonse and the District Superintendent of Police ordered firing. One man, Gangad, was killed and two or three were wounded. The crowd then dispersed.

The news of the firing immediately spread in a perverted form to the remotest jungles of Umbergaon and Dahanu Talukas. All through the latter part of the night of the 10th and the morning of the 11th crowds from distant places were rushing towards Talvade. Shri Joshi the Mandal worker, tried to persuade the crowds passing through Talasari not to proceed further, at least not to carry weapons. But they would not listen. The crowds came up against the police, who were patrolling the road in their van, twice on the 11th, once in the morning and once in the afternoon, and there was firing. About a dozen persons must have been wounded, of whom two are reported to have died later on. After the third firing, the crowds dispersed through the jungles. Whether the firing was justified and whether it was excessive, we were not able to ascertain. It is, however, clear that the police were firing from the roof of the van, which was converted into a sort of an armoured car. No one from the police seems to have been hurt, though there was stone-throwing. The firing, we fear, must have been indiscriminate. We feel that there should be an open and independent inquiry into it.

LANDLORDS EXPLOITING SITUATION

We found that after the firing, the people from the nearby villages were so panic-stricken that they left their hamlets and hid themselves in the jungles. For one or two days, they had to go without food. Slowly, they began to return. Wherever we went, we advised them not to leave their homes and hamlets, but to be busy with their own harvestings, as otherwise the crops now ready would get damaged. We tried to allay their fears and remove their panic. Our offer of help to those in need was welcomed. People were afraid to disclose their injuries and give their own version. They feared that the police would arrest any one who came forward and their fear was not groundless. They further feared that the landlords would try to get rid of any one who dared to refuse to work for them even on just grounds by getting him arrested. In one hamlet, a wife complained to us that her husband was got arrested by a particular landlord, because he was a witness to the mischief played by this landlord during the present trouble. Then, there are armed police parties posted on the farms of the landlords. While returning from a hamlet of Nandgaon to the main road, we found a party of landlords with some armed policemen waiting for us in a bus. Immediately we reached the bus, the police and landlords showered a volley of questions at us making allegations that we were inciting the Adivasis to violence, etc. We had talks with more landlords at Bhilad and Umbergaon. They believe that with the help of the police, they have succeeded in cowing down the Adivasis and that, therefore, no outside agency should be allowed to peep into their doings.

In the course of our tour, we found some Adivasis being still forced to work on a wage of an 'adholi' of paddy (worth about 3 annas) plus 2 annas in cash per day, though the landlords had agreed at the Collector's meeting at Sanjan to a wage of 12 annas. The Adivasis fear that the landlords will exploit the situation created by the police measures like arrests on large scale, to their advantage.

INDISCRIMINATE ARRESTS

We want to emphasise that the indiscriminate arrests, which are at present going on, the arrests of wounded boys, the posting of police parties everywhere the present attitude of the landlords, all these are obstacles in the restoration of real quiet and peace. Beneath the apparent quiet we found severe hatred burning in the minds of the Adivasis. Though terror-stricken, at the present moment, they are still firm in their resolve to assert their rights, and free themselves from their slavery. Unless both the authorities and the landlords adopt a policy of real conciliation, there is bound to be trouble in future. The authorities should withdraw the police parties, stop the arrests now being made indiscriminately and announce their intention of not proceeding against all those who had been duped to collect on the road on the 10th and 11th October by the cry which went round. The landlords must give up their present mood of exultation. They must realise that directly or indirectly they or some of them are responsible for the strike and for inflicting the present suffering on the Adivasis. Knowing that the harvesting season was approaching and that the Adivasis were getting restive over the question of rates and knowing further that the Communists were exploiting this situation, they did not take any steps to get a proper wage rate agreed upon. They allowed things to drift even though the discontent was growing. The culmination of all this was the present firing and loss of life. They must now change their attitude. Their ideas of social justice must undergo a revolution. We are conscious that the landlords will resent any such unsought for advice. But it is our duty to place before them and before the public the real situation as we saw it and our suggestions as to how to remedy the same.

DUTY OF BACKWARD CLASS OFFICER

We are of the opinion that the Backward Class Officer and his Assistant Mr. Save should camp at Bhilad and help to ease the situation. It is surprising they are nowhere to be seen at this critical juncture. This is really deplorable, as the protection of the Adivasis has been specially entrusted to them. We have already written to the Backward Class Officer in this connection.

Although we have returned to Bombay, our other workers are at Talasari and they are visiting distant village trying to pacify the people, rendering them whatever help they want and gathering all relevant information. One of their tasks is to explain to the people the rates of wages as agreed to be paid at the Sanjan meeting, viz., 12 annas for a man, 10 annas for a woman and 6 annas and 6 pies for a boy. Though the Adivasis were not a party to the agreement, they seem to have accepted these and our workers have to see that the landlords actually pay this rate. As regards the piece-work rate for cutting grass we think these rates would be Rs. 3 and Rs. 2-8-0 per 500 lbs. of grass cut. In some places, the landlords are actually paying these rates. We regret the Collector has recommended lower rates than these and we hope these will be revised.

We have placed our views before the Collector and he has accepted most of our suggestions. We hope the situation will now improve.

The Adivasis Seva Mandal has made arrangements for the defence of the Adivasis who will be put up for trial before the Courts and to give pecuniary and other relief to the sufferers.

Fatal To Unity Of India

Sastri And Others Criticise League And Congress

BOMBAY, Oct. 24 (A.P.I.)—The Rt Hon'ble V. S. Sreenivas Sastri, Mr. P A. Wadia, Mr. K. Natarajan and Mr Jehangir Petit in a joint statement oppose "the demand for the division of India into a Hindu and a Muslim India."

They say: "We think it our duty and the duty of all who share our views, to give expression to our concern and to raise a timely note of warning as to the direction in which we are drifting. None of us is clear as to the precise implications of the two-nation theory. Much less so perhaps are those who advocate it. The country has never been given any precise details of the territorial division of the country and the lines of demarcation between the two Indias. When Mr. Jinnah is asked to define the territorial demarcation, he has always evaded the issue by demanding that in the first instance the claim of the Two-Nation theory should be granted as the basis of any further negotiations. Those of us, therefore, who are definitely opposed to the very idea of breaking up the unity of India, suffer under a handicap, as we are not in a position to know precisely the nature of Mr. Jinnah's Pakistan."

The authors of the statement recall how the 200 years of British rule had brought about unity in India and deplore the introduction of separate electorates 40 years ago. In their opinion, even if the ordinary alignments of parties, usual to a democratic system, had been possible in India under foreign rule, this was "effectively torpedoed by the institution of communal electorates." Religion has been turned into a vested interest, bigotry has been allowed to grow, and parties are induced to concentrate on a division of spoils.

FIRST ACT IN DIVISION

The authors of the statement declare that the institution of separate electorates was the first act in the process of creating a divided India, of which the crowning achievement in their opinion is the proposal for Pakistan. They maintain that religion has never been a factor in the creation of the tension between the Hindus and the Muhammadans, for the two communities have never been fighting for the domination of their respective faiths. There was no enthusiasm for proselytisation except as a political weapon to acquire numerical strength in the matter of voting.

A large majority of Indian Muslims today are descendants of Hindu converts to Islam. In the villages, Hindus and Muslims are hardly distinguishable by their habits or customs as they speak the language of the district in which they live. They even share religious festivals. "In essence, the division between two communities," say the authors of the statement is the product of the struggle for spoils for power and economic privileges."

CONGRESS STAND CRITICISED

Criticising the Indian National Congress on its policy of conciliation and compromise, the statement says, "No measure and no rapprochement could have been so fatal to the unity of India, as the Congress resolution bearing on the right of self-determination for the federating units and the even more regrettable negotiations which took place a year ago between Mr. Gandhi and the spokesman of the Muslim League."

In their opinion, the principle of self-determination applied to the Provinces implicit in the act of 1935 and expressly recognised in the Cripps Offer and the Congress resolution of self-determination are in direct contravention of all lessons of past world history, because federations have grown out of the union of States, once exercising sovereign independence. They have never been the outcome of a deliberate attempt by breaking up well-knit parts of single State into conflicting and rival powers.

National self-determination in a world that is geographically shrinking has become an anachronism, and in the international world of the future, it is cultural self-determination which will be the best expression of national freedom."

The authors in conclusion appeal to all thinking people to consider all these implications before they concede the Congress principles of "self-determination" or "the equally disastrous claim for Pakistan."

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT.—

"LONDON, Oct. 23—The dispute between the Soviet Government and the Western Allies on trade policy in central and South-Eastern Europe has overnight developed into one of the main points at issue among the Allies."

—Reuter

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"NEW DELHI, More English is to be taught in the Indian Army" —A P

To be better able to say "Yes, Sir!" and be more easily understood by the Sirs?

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Apropos of the trouble at his Calcutta meeting Allama Mashriqi says in a statement: "I know that once he has given them the authority to shout, Mr. Jinnah is unable to stop them but I can assure him that he is in this way compelling his Muslim League to commit suicide."

Does the Allama by any chance expect Mr. Jinnah to apologise for the incidents that have been so frequently happening at so many places?

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Speaking at Moradabad, Sir Shafaat Ahmed Khan, who has inevitably emerged again as a politician and equally inevitably on the League side, declared that he was hopeful of a settlement between the Congress and the League if the League emerged as "the dominant" party among Muslims in all parts of India.

Only "dominant"? League leaders should sharply correct Sir Shafaat Ahmad but they should not refuse him a ticket to the Provincial Assembly.

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"The Congress talks of corruption but it is busy in trying to corrupt the Maulvis and the voters"—Chowdry Khaliquzzaman.

It would be interesting to have Chaudhry Sahib join—as he promises to do presently—the ranks of League journalists and perform with credit in the vernacular.

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INDIAN STUDENTS REACH ENGLAND

"Orion" Establishes Three Records

—Headlines

A fourth record, too. According to a London report "the students expressed themselves pleased with the treatment and service they had received on the 'Orion'".

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It is announced from Teheran that the Persian Prime Minister, M. Muhsin Sadr has resigned.

We wonder how many more Persian Prime Ministers will resign by March 2 or the end of Persian "obstinacy" whichever is earlier.

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George Bernard Shaw has joined the Co-operative Society which runs the Communist Party's "Daily Worker."

If only the Communist Party became Shavian directing its barbs occasionally at itself, too.

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In an address to women on their duty in public life, His Holiness the Pope is reported to have said: "the path of women to the polls is the path to peace."

Er—er—Amen!

MANY LIVES LOST IN CYCLONE HAVOC

Thousands Rendered Homeless: Damage Estimated At Millions Of Rupees

MADRAS, Oct. 24 (API): Grim stories of the devastating effects of the recent cyclone on the East Coast of India from Cuttack to Cape Comorin are gradually unfolding, writes the Special Correspondent of the 'Associated Press of India', who made a tour of the affected districts on the east coast of Madras.

Thousands of people have been rendered homeless, hundreds of houses have been destroyed a large number of people have been killed and millions of rupees worth of property has been damaged either by the ferocious gale, or floods or falling and uprooting of trees.

RELIEF WORK STARTED

Masulipatam, one of the worst affected towns on the East Coast has had to house 45,000 people rendered homeless by the cyclone. The Municipal Chairman of Masulipatam revealed this information at a public meeting. He indicated that the Masulipatam Municipality had suffered heavy damages by the uprooting of municipal lamp posts, destructions of municipal buildings such as market places, etc. The Municipality has sanctioned Rs. 5,000 for immediate relief among poor people.

A representative non-official committee including Dr. Pattabhi Seetaramayya, the Congress Leader, has been formed for the purpose of collecting funds and affording relief to the victims of nature's fury.

A conference of all Revenue Divisional Officers was held at the Collector's Office and village and taluka committees were formed for doing relief work.

STANDING CROPS DESTROYED

A message from Geddanapalli says that the recent cyclone caused heavy damage to property and crops on the coastal villages in East Godavari District.

Sudden rise in the tide flooded large number of villages and vast areas of paddi fields, destroying standing crops and houses.

Frightened villagers ran for their lives to neighbouring villages, but the cattle in the villages were completely destroyed. Many dead animals were floating in the canals two days later.

Over three hundred houses were destroyed within the municipal limits of Anakapalle where a small river overflew its banks. Ten thousand people were fed by the Collector of the District for two or three days.

Sanghamajagariamudi, a village near Guntur, sustained a loss of nearly Rs. 800,000 by the destruction of houses and standing crops, according to a statement issued by Mr. Seetarama Sastri, a local Congress leader.

FLOODS IN SOUTH-EAST CALCUTTA

Certain areas in south-east Calcutta were under waist-deep water yesterday due to heavy rains. Ground floors of many houses were flooded.

Air services to Rangoon could not take off yesterday due to heavy rains.

Four thousand people were rendered homeless by floods in the Padma river in Goalapnagor area of Nadia District, according to information received by the Bengal Provincial Hindu Mahasabha.

The daily weather report from the Meteorological Headquarters at Poona says that rainfall has been widespread in East Bengal and forecasts local rains.

Britain In No Mood To Part With Power

Kaleswara Rao Exhorts Indian Students To Emulate Those Of China And Egypt

BEZWADA, Oct. 24, (A.P.I.): Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao told a public meeting here held under the auspices of the Students Congress that it was idle to expect that the British Govt. whatever its complexion would give India Swaraj.

He said that the British Govt. was in no mood to part with power. Mr. Attlee had said in the House of Commons as the then Deputy Leader that imperial preference would continue even after the war.

PRINCES AS PAWNS

The refusal of permission to Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya to publish his book the "States Peoples" showed that the present Government wanted to continue its support to the Indian Princes in their autocracy and to use the Princes as pawns in their game of prolonging their rule over this nation. This was being done even at a time when a Constituent Assembly was being talked of in which representatives of the Indian States would be included.

NATIONALISM VS. COMMUNALISM & COMMUNISM

Mr. Rao referred to the coming elections and said, "The present elections are a straight fight between undiluted nationalism on one side and communalism and communism on the other. The strength of the Congress must be demonstrated and power should be captured in Provincial Governments. But all that power must be used to strengthen the Congress organisation and to prepare the country for the final struggle. For this purpose the constructive programme of Gandhiji is the most revolutionary one and the country can be best organised only through it.

He asked the students to play their part nobly and well, like the students of China and Egypt, in helping to secure freedom for the country and reconstruct the seven lakhs of villages of India into autonomous and economically self-sufficient units under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi.

Pant Congratulates Students

CAWNPORE, October 24 (A.P.I.)—Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant addressing a students' meeting today congratulated them on what they did during 1942-43 and the way in which they carried out their freedom movement independently of their leaders, who had been thrown behind the prison bars. To be slaves at a time when the whole world and even the centuries-crushed island of Java and was bent upon achieving freedom was to lead a life of disgrace, he observed. Pandit Pant exhorted the students to join the movement of liberation started by the Indian National Congress.

Appeal To Punjab Voters

POONA, Oct. 24 (A.P.I.)—A fervent appeal to the Punjab electorate to support solidly the Congress nominees and the Nationalist Muslims in the forthcoming elections was made by the three Punjab leaders Maulana Daud Gaznavi, President of the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee, Diwan Chamanlal and Dr. Gopinath Bhargav when interviewed today. The Punjab leaders were here to discuss with Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel the Congress nominations to the Central Assembly from the Punjab.

Maulana Daud Gaznavi appealed to all the Congress committees in the Punjab to immediately convert themselves into election boards, in order to organise the elections fight for the candidates who had been nominated today. He urged upon all Congress workers to spread themselves out in towns and villages and carry the message of the Congress to every voter. Those who believed in the unity of India and desired it to be independent must stand by the Congress, he said.

Nehru To Inaugurate Asaf Ali's Election Campaign

NEW DELHI, Oct. 24 (U.P.I.): The election campaign in Delhi in support of Mr. Asaf Ali will begin with a public meeting in the first week of November, addressed by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. A purse will be presented to Pandit Nehru at the meeting.

The Delhi Provincial Congress has formed a Parliamentary Board to carry out the preparations for the election.

BIHAR COMMUNISTS CONTEST FOUR SEATS

PATNA, Oct. 24 (A.P.I.): The Provincial Headquarters of the Communist Party has decided to contest four seats, all in the Bhagalpur Division in the coming elections to the Bihar Assembly.

Mr. Karyananda Sharma will seek election from South Sadar Monghyr General Rural Constituency which is at present represented by Mr. Sri Krishna Sinha, Ex-Premier, Bihar.

U. P. LEAGUE CANDIDATES

ALLAHABAD, Oct. 24 (A.P.I.): The Muslim League Central Parliamentary Board has nominated the following candidates for election to the Central Assembly from the United Provinces:

Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan, Raja Sahib of Mahmudabad, Sir Mohammad Yamin Khan, Nawab Mohammad Ismail Khan and Sir Ziauddin Ahmad.

Nawab Mohammad Ismail Khan and Sir Ziauddin Ahmad are expected to arrive here on October 26 and file their nomination papers the same day for the elections.

NATIONALIST MUSLIM TO OPPOSE ZIAUDDIN AHMAD

LUCKNOW, Oct. 24 (A.P.I.): The U. P. Nationalist Muslim Parliamentary Board has decided to set up Mr. Shakirali against Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad, Muslim League nominee, for the Central Assembly from the United Provinces Southern Divisions Muhammaden Constituency.

PUNJAB M.L.A.'S & DETENUS TO BE RELEASED

LAHORE, Oct. 24 (A.P.I.): The Punjab Government are considering the question of the release of eight members of the Punjab Legislative Assembly who are still under detention, it is learned. The orders for their release will be passed, it is understood, within two or three days. Twenty-eight other detenus are also expected to be set at liberty.

UNIONIST PARTY NOT TO CONTEST CENTRAL ELECTIONS

The Punjab Unionist Party is not contesting the Central Legislature elections, announces the Organising Secretary of the Party, Mian Sultan Ali Renjha.

The Unionist Party, he says, is a Provincial Party whose scope of work is mainly confined to the Provincial Legislature. There is no intention to change this policy. In the absence of any Party mandate about the Central elections, the members of the Unionist Party will be free to support or vote for candidates of their individual choice.

Coalition Govt. For France

PARIS, Oct. 24 (Reuter): The prospects of a Coalition Government of France's "Big Three" was carried a stage further to-day when the Movement Republican Populaire—the Catholic Left—followed the example of the Socialists and the Communists by declaring for the programme of the National Council of Resistance, cables Harold King, Reuter's Correspondent.

Meetings of the Socialist and Communist Party Executives and of the National Council of Resistance are being held to-morrow and Friday to exchange views on a detailed programme for a Three-Party Coalition.

Certain difficulties, however, remain to be ironed out. While the Socialist Party views an agreement with the Catholic Left as perfectly feasible, the Communists do not see eye to eye with the Catholic Left on many matters. But the changes of an eventual understanding between the Communists and the Catholic Left are regarded in Paris as being favourable because the Communists are anxious to enter the new Government, while General de Gaulle, who is the virtual leader of the M. R. P., is believed to consider a Three-Party Government as a political necessity.

In the general elections on Sunday the Catholic Left gained 142 and the Socialist Party 139 seats, the Communists topped the poll winning 152 seats.

INDIAN-CYPRIOT TROOPS CLASH

Lawson On Origin Of Trouble: Inquiry Going On

LONDON, Oct. 23 (Reuter): The Labour Member for Hammersmith North Mr. D. N. Pritt asked the Secretary for War, Mr. Lawson in the House of Commons to-day whether he had any statement to make about the incidents in Cyprus on October 4 when Indian troops were set to fight in Cypriot troops, and whether in view of the effect on Indian and Cypriot public opinion of these bodies of troops being set to fight against each other after fighting together against Fascism in the war, he would take steps to avoid further incidents by remedying the grievances of Cypriot troops.

Mr. Lawson replied that in recent weeks there have been a series of minor disturbances among Cypriot troops awaiting embarkation for foreign service after having had home leave. Demonstrations have been for expedition of demobilisation and against further service overseas. A full inquiry as to the nature and causes was being made.

OCCUPATION OF JAPAN

Question Of Participation Of British, Australian, Chinese And Russian Troops

TOKYO, Oct. 24 (APA): United States Assistant Secretary of State John J. McCloy conferred with General Douglas MacArthur last night.

While the nature of the discussion was not disclosed, it was understood one of the prime topics was the overall occupation policy including the participation of British, Australian, Chinese and Russian troops.

ULTIMATUM TO PRESS

The editors of leading Japanese newspapers were summoned to General MacArthur's Headquarters to-day and told to "fulfil your obligations to establish a free and independent press, or make way for a paper that will", according to Reuter's Special Correspondent.

The meeting was held a few hours after Magatika Murayama, President of the Tokyo newspaper "Asahi" and the entire Board of Directors of "Asahi", had resigned from the management of the paper after a demand for their resignation from editorial workers.

A survey made by the Allied Supreme Command earlier had showed that "certain subjects were systematically ignored by the Japanese press and radio, while others were distorted or greatly underplayed."

VOTES FOR WOMEN

An 'Associated Press of America' cable says:—

The Domei News Agency reported today that the Japanese Cabinet had approved women's suffrage and the lowering of the voting age for men from 25 to 20 years. The same age limit would govern women's voting.

The Cabinet approved the measure subject to the Diet's approval. It also would grant full voting rights to Koreans and Formosans. The age minimum for candidates for public office was lowered to 25 years.

'UNRRA' FOR JAPAN

The Japanese Government plans to negotiate with UNRRA in an attempt to obtain food to carry the country through the crucial months of November and December, said the Welfare Minister, Hitoshi Ashida, in an interview to the 'Associated Press of America' to-day.

He said that Japan fully recognised its own responsibility in feeding its own people but "we need help for the next two crucial months."

He explained that transportation and other difficulties prevent the distribution of the currently harvested rice crop until after January when the situation should ease.

GANDHIJI DELAYS BENGAL TOUR

Expected To Reach Calcutta By End Of Next Month

CALCUTTA, Oct. 24 (A.P.I.): For unavoidable reasons Mahatma Gandhi will not be able to reach Calcutta on November 2 for his Bengal tour. It is possible that he will be able to come here by the last week of November or near about that. The date of his arrival will be announced when it is finally fixed.

Announcing this to-day, Dr. Prafulla Chandra Ghosh, member of the Congress Working Committee, and Mr. Satish Chandra Das Gupta say that Gandhiji's tour programme which has been published in newspapers therefore stands cancelled.

They add: "Gandhiji has made it definitely clear that if his health permits he will try his level best to visit all those places where he intends to go. But in consideration of his age and health it is evident that inspite of his desire to go to a number of places, he may not be able to visit more than a few."

OCCUPATION OF MANCHURIA

Chinese Negotiating With Reds For Seaborne Landings

CHUNGKING, Oct. 24 (Reuter): It was authoritatively learned here to-day that the Chinese and the Soviet authorities are negotiating for a seaborne landing of Chinese Central Government troops in Manchuria. While no decisions have been reached regarding landings at Port Arthur and Darien, both the Governments are understood to have agreed that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's troops will be landed at Antung, Yieng Kowon and Hultao, all north of Port Arthur.

The Chinese 13th and 52nd Armies have been selected for the landings and will be transported by the U. S Seventh Fleet. Troops will be embarked from Canton and Haiphong in Indo-China.

The independent Chinese newspaper "Takung Wanpo" said to-day: "Chinese armies are moving northeast by land and sea as Soviet forces withdraw from Manchuria. Troops embarking in Kowloon and Haiphong for their new garrison posts will call at Shanghai to be equipped with winter kit."

The newspaper said that the Chinese and the Russians were co-operating well and that there had not been any clashes between the Communist and the Kuomintang (Chinese Government) troops.

U. S. TROOPS DILEMMA

HANKOW, Oct. 24 (A.P.A.): American Air Force personnel engaged in ferrying China's 94th and 92nd Armies into the Peiping and Tientsin areas of North China do not like the job.

The Americans have had no part in reported clashes between Government and Chinese Communist troops and are ordered to transport Chinese troops only for the purpose of disarming Japanese.

However, the question on practically every man's lips to-day is "What are we doing, meddling in the internal affairs of China?"

Summary Trial In Madrid

22 Members Of Spanish Underground Face Death Sentence

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter).—Twenty-two members of the Spanish underground "National Confederation of Labour" are facing a summary trial in Madrid, states a telegram received by the Spanish refugee quarters in London today.

The telegram, sent by the National Committee of the Federation, is stated to have been smuggled out of Spain.

The telegram states: "Most urgent that you influence democratic countries in the summary trial at Cadiz of twenty-two of our members of Algeciras scheduled for October 22 to 30 possible death sentence."

The Spanish Embassy in London today told "Reuter" they had no knowledge of the trial.

The National Confederation of Labour, one of the two large Trade Union movements in Spain, has been working underground since the defeat of the Spanish Republic in 1939, according to Republican quarters in London. Before then, it supported the Spanish Republican Government in which some of its members held office.

GENERAL STRIKE IN PALESTINE ON NOVEMBER 2

Arab Party Solicits Jinnah's Support

BOMBAY, OCT. 24 (A.P.I.): A GENERAL STRIKE IN PALESTINE HAS BEEN DECLARED FOR NOVEMBER 2, AND INDIAN MUSLIMS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO OBSERVE THAT DAY AS "PALESTINE DAY".

Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, has received a telegram from the Acting Chairman of the Palestine Arab Party, Jerusalem, inviting Mr. Jinnah's support in this behalf.

The telegram says: General strike in Palestine declared for November 2. We solicit your support and suggest you declare November 2 as "Palestine Day" throughout India.

The telegram which was received in Bombay has been forwarded to Mr. Jinnah in Karachi.

M. P.'S SUGGEST PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION FOR PALESTINE

LONDON, Oct. 23 (U.P.A.): The suggestion was made in Parliament to-day that the Government send a Parliamentary Commission to study the situation in Palestine before announcing the Government's decision on the Jewish immigration question. Prime Minister Clement Attlee said a statement on Palestine would be made shortly.

Independent M.P. Eleanor Rathbone asked the Premier for assurance that the Government would proceed on the principles previously enunciated by the Labour Party, namely, unlimited Jewish immigration into Palestine.

Story Behind Noel-Baker's Air Dash

SOVIET DELAYS FORMATION OF WORLD ORGANISATION

Gromyko Accused Of Obstruction At Preparatory Commission Meeting

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter): The uneasiness about the future of the United Nations Organisation is thought in well-informed quarters in London to be responsible for the surprise decision of Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, the British Minister of State, to fly from Quebec to Washington to-day, cables "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent. It is expected that he will have some very serious conversations with Mr. James Byrnes, the U. S. Secretary of State, and other State Department officials about the Soviet attitude to international co-operation.

This decision is thought to have been provoked by two developments: The increasing number of objections raised by M. Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Ambassador to the U. S., during the work of the Executive Committee of the United Nations Preparatory Commission in London and failure so far of the Soviet Union to join the Food and Agriculture Organisation.

Both yesterday and to-day M. Gromyko raised a series of persistent objections to the text of sub-committee reports which the Executive Committee has been working against time to adopt by to-morrow, the target date for the termination of its work.

The general sense of M. Gromyko's objections has been to avoid definite recommendations by the Executive Committee that the United Nations Organisation shall enter into relations with specialised agencies including the International Labour Office. He has also worked to ensure that recommendations on the functions of all other important organs of world organisation, such as Security and Trusteeship Councils shall be left as vague as possible. This policy has aroused doubt among observers of the Executive Committee at work as to whether the Soviet Union is wholeheartedly anxious that the new world organisation shall be set up as soon as possible.

In most cases agreement on the Executive Committee has been secured only by deciding to refer the disputed issue to the Preparatory Commission when it meets in November. One reason why the work of the Executive Committee has dragged on for so many weeks is the manifest desire on the part of the majority of delegates to discover formulae on which all could agree.

Many issues, on which superficial agreement was only reached because they had been referred for a later debate, will have to be reopened next month. Frankly the outlook for the Preparatory Commission promises to be a stormy one.

Warned by the discouraging non-co-operation of the Soviet delegation in Quebec, Mr. Noel-Baker is believed to have decided to take stock of the whole situation in Washington.

Anglo-Soviet Attempt To BlackMail Each Other?

LONDON, October 24, (Reuter): The State of Anglo-Soviet relations is causing much heart-searching in London, Cables Reuters' diplomatic correspondent.

Ever since the breakdown of the first session of the Foreign Minister's Council the question has been asked "Why are there so many and such serious difficulties between the two countries?" and the week-end news that Britain has protested to Moscow against Soviet Trade policy in South East Europe has brought it even more sharply to the forefront.

While a few agree about the answer, all realise that the issue is fundamental for the future of humanity. Since Soviet Russia has emerged from the second world war as the strongest power in Europe, possible in the world, her relations with the Western Democracies are seen here as a fundamental factor determining the future, not only of world peace but literally of the world itself.

Observers in London who are best informed about the attitude and intentions of Soviet today insist that the Soviet Government is interested before all else in keeping peace, while it is almost a truism to say that peace is the supreme aim of the British Government.

The present impasse on the Foreign Ministers' Council, which since the begining of the month has been reflected many other field of Anglo-Soviet relations, looks very much like a mutual intention to exploit the belief that in no case would either power have recourse to war. Nothing could be more natural than that difference of views should exist, but the reason why the present situation is giving rise to some apprehension in London is the evident inability of the powers to reach agreement by compromise.

SOVIET BLAMED

It is widely felt here that this unwillingness has been more marked on the part of the Soviet Union than of Britain, but in any case it is realized that if one party to the international dispute rejects compromise the peace of the world can only rest in the tacit assumption that the other party to avoid war will make the necessary concessions.

If there is real evidence that either Britain or the Soviet Union or both are attempting to blackmail each other for the fear of bringing an overwhelming and final disaster on the world, there is certainly good reasons to regard the present difficulties wth grave disquite.

JINNAH DISAPPOINTS SIX LEAGUERS

Appeals Against Central Parliamentary Board Rejected

KARACHI, Oct. 24 (A.P.I.)—Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, has disallowed all appeals and confirmed the decision made by the Muslim League Central Parliamentary Board in regard to the nomination of six League candidates for the general elections to the Central Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Jinnah has planned to fly to Bombay on Friday to file his nomination papers as a candidate for the Central Assembly.

Rejecting the appeals of six applicants who had not been selected by the Central Parliamentary Board as League candidates, Mr. Jinnah in a statement to the Press says: "The following appeals against the selection made by the Central Parliamentary Board were received:

1. Pir Tajuddin, Bar-at-Law, Gujarat and Rawalpindi Division Constituency.
2. Mr. N. Muhammad Anwar, North Madras Constituency.
3. Mr. A. K. Sharfuddin, South Madras Constituency.
4. Mr. Abdul Majeed Gheewala, Bombay Presidency Southern Division Constituency.
5. Mr. Abdul Majeed Tungekar, Bombay Presidency Southern Division Constituency.
6. Mr. Taqi Hadi, Rohilkhund and Kumaon Division Constituency, U.P.

"I am confident that the candidates who have not been selected will loyally abide by the final decision and according to their pledge of honour in spite of the fact that they are not selected will support wholeheartedly the candidates that have been finally chosen by the All-India Muslim League, and maintain the discipline, prestige and honour of our national organisation."

AHMEDABAD PURSE FOR JINNAH

AHMEDABAD, Oct. 24.—A purse of Rs. 2,00,000 will be presented to Mr. Jinnah when he visits Ahmedabad. This amount has been collected by Ahmedabad Muslims in response to Mr. Jinnah's request for the election fund.

Mr. Jinnah will arrive here by air on the morning of October 26. A reception has been arranged for him.

BOMBAY COLLEGE BEATS P.Y.C BY 7 WICKETS

POONA, Oct. 24 (A.P.I.)—Two centuries were recorded today in a match between the Bombay Combined Colleges team and the P.Y.C. Gymkhana which resulted in a comfortable win for the former by seven wickets.

Mettur Workers Down Tools

MADRAS, Oct. 24 (A.P.A.)—About a thousand labourers of the Mettur Chemical and Industrial Corporation have downed tools since Monday demanding more wages, bonus, leave and other privileges, states a message from Salem today.

Union leaders have given 15 days' notice to the employers.

The Labour Commissioner of the Government of Madras who visited Mettur a few days back did not succeed in bringing about a settlement between the strikers and the employers.

Gujarat Villagers To Celebrate Sardar's Birthday

Publication Committee To Issue Pictures And Life Sketch

AHMEDABAD, Oct. 24 (API): Villages all over Gujarat will celebrate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birthday. The Gujarat Village Union has directed all the villagers to observe 'Sardar Day' on October 31 by holding public prayers so that "Sardar's life may be an example and inspiration in firmness and fearlessness to the country's youth."

Sardar Vallabhbhai Birthday Publication Committee have been receiving requests from the newspapers and periodicals all over India asking for photos and other suitable material regarding the details of Sardar's life and work for being used in special numbers to be issued on the occasion of Sardar's birthday on October 31.

The Publication Committee in response to these requests, proposes to release shortly, for the use of the Indian Press, a few photos in the form of mattrices and skeleton facts of Sardar's life. The material might also be obtained directly on request from the Publication Committee, Congress House, Bombay.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA Oct. 24 (Reuter.)

The Calcutta Stock Exchange ruled better in all sections today. The volume of business was satisfactory Government securities were firm and unchanged.

Russia Refutes Press Report

No Manoeuvres Along Turko-Bulgarian Border

MOSCOW, Oct. 24 (A.P.A.)—A flat denial that the Red Army was conducting manoeuvres along the Turkish-Bulgarian frontier was issued today by the official Tass News Agency.

(A Sofia despatch from William King, A.P.A. correspondent, dated October 21 said that Russian forces had taken positions near the border behind Bulgarian troops who were stationed along the actual border area.)

The Soviet denial of any unusual military activity in Bulgaria was given prominent display in the Press and on the Soviet Radio. It described the Sofia despatch as "an invention without foundation of fact." But there was no further comment.

The quick reaction by the Soviets to the story was interpreted by Moscow observers as reflecting Russian sensitiveness to anything that runs contrary to the stress that is being placed at present on Red Army demobilisation plans.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

MADRAS, Oct. 24 (Reuter.)

Following are todays quotations on the Madras Stock Exchange:—

Sugars and Breweries: Deccan (10) 3144 Deccan (25) 73/8 India Sugar 30/4 Mysore Sugar 58/8 CD Travancore 19/2

Plantings: Baimacles 1/9 Blue mountains 1/8/6 Cochin Malabar 17/ 12 Chembra Peaks 9/3 Cottanad 1-5 Devasholai 15/8 High Produce 29/6 Kaipettas 30 CD Kanan 14/10 CD Kodaikanal 11/3 Nellampathis 1/6/6 Ouchterlony 9/5 Peermade 4/4 CD Pullangodes 2/13/6 Thirumbadi 4/2/6

Textiles: Bangalore Wool 610 B and C Ord 365 Balasuoramania 108 Coimbatore Pioneer 365 Cambodia 30/6 Dhanalakmi 380 Janardhana 125 Kareswarar 675 Kothari Tex 32/8 CD Lakshmi 183 Ditto New 92 Pattur 274/6 Madura 75/8 Rajapalayam 226

Miscellaneous: And. Cement 120 Bruntona 9/2 Mysore Chem and Fert 19/4 Mysore Paper 21/6 Mysore Chem Mins 28/4

KARACHI QUOTATIONS

KARACHI Oct. 24.

Cotton ready Sind Deli 39, Punjab Desi 25 Sind Nt 44/12 Four D 36/8, January 42/1 March 42/12. Market weakened further following declining Bombay advices and selling pressure. Ready business 2353 Arrivals 2506, Exports 856 Bales Silver Tuesday delivery 132/12. Gold 77/6. Market quietly steady.

RESERVE BANK RETURNS

An Account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 19th day of October.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	9,10,86,000
Notes in circulation	11,59,89,13,000
Total Notes issued	11,69,00,99,000
Total Liabilities	11,69,00,99,000

ASSETS	Rs.
A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
(a) Held in India	44,41,45,000
Sterling Securities	10,49,32,89,000
Total of A	10,93,74,34,000
B. Rupee Coin	17,32,40,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	57,84,26,000
Total Assets	11,69,00,99,000
Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 93.562 per cent.	

BANKING DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Government of India	399,58,80,000
(2) Government of Burma	62,52,000
(3) Other Government Accounts	16,77,39,000
(b) Banks	112,82,82,000
(c) Others	12,08,92,000
Bills Payable	2,61,72,000
Other Liabilities	9,41,46,000
Rupees	564,53,91,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Notes	9,15,86,000
Rupee Coin	29,27,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,83,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
Government Treasury Bills	2,20,51
Balances held abroad*	525,63,01,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	10,00,000
Investments	21,46,74,000
Other Assets	5,86,59,000
Rupees	564,53,91,000

*Includes Cash and Short term Securities

Central Bank Of India, Ltd.

The following is the Statement of Liabilities and Assets of the Central Bank of India, Limited for the fortnight dated 15th October.

LIABILITIES:—	Rs.
Capital Subscribed	5,04,40,000
Capital Paid-up	2,51,18,000
Reserve & Contingency Fund	2,02,17,000
Deposits Debts due to Banks and Agents Bills Payable, etc	1,07,69,12,000
Sundries including Branch Adjustments	15,19,3.
Rs.	1,27,41,80,000

ASSETS:—	Rs.
Cash Credits and Overdrafts on Government and other Authorised Securities	22,43,84,000
Loans on Government and other Authorised Securities	6,87,94,000
Bills Discounted	4,98,90,000
Lands & Buildings	96,94,000
Sundries including Branch Adjustments	11,55,05,00
Cash in hand at Banks, Moneys at Call and Investments in War Bonds, Government Paper, Treasury Bills Shares Debentures etc.	80,79,88,600
Rs.	1,27,41,80,000

Congress To Contest Sikh Seats For Central Assembly

Hansraj And Chaman Lal Put Up From Punjab Non-Mohammedan Constituencies

POONA, Oct. 24 (API): The Congress has decided to contest the two Sikh seats besides the three non-Mohammedan seats from the Punjab to the Central Assembly. The five Congress nominations from the Punjab and one from Ahmedabad were announced this afternoon by the Central Election Board after Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, in charge of the Board, had consultations with Maulana Daud Ghaznavi, President of the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee, Diwan Chaman Lal and Dr. Gopichand Bhargava.

While no announcement has been made regarding the Muslim constituency seats from the Punjab, it is likely that the Congress may put up two candidates to contest on its behalf. It is also likely that two Nationalist Muslims may contest two out of the remaining four Muslim seats. The final decision on this point will be announced after Maulana Daud Ghaznavi, President of the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee goes back to his province and has consultations there with Muslim leaders.

The six nominations are:

(1) Sjt. Vadilal Lallubhai, Millowners' Association Constituency, Ahmedabad.

PUNJAB:

(1) Raizada Hansraj for Jullunder Division (Non-Mohammedan Constituency).

(2) Babu Thakoredas Bhargava, Advocate, Hissar, for Ambala Division (Non-Mohammedan).

(3) Diwan Chaman Lal for West Punjab Lahore-Multan-Rawalpindi Constituency (Non-Mohammedan).

(4) Sardar Kapoor Singh, Ludhiana, for East Punjab Sikh Constituency.

(5) Sardar Sant Singh for West Punjab Sikh Constituency.

The remaining nominations will be announced later.

MRS. SWAMINATHAN FOR CENTRAL ASSEMBLY

MADRAS, Oct. 24 (A.P.I.): Mrs. Ammu Swaminathan has been selected as the Congress candidate for Madras City Constituency to the Central Assembly.

Interviewed by the "Associated Press of India", Mrs. Swaminathan said: "I feel honoured that the Congress Parliamentary Board has selected me as their candidate for the Central Assembly from Madras City. I hope that I will be able to do my little bit for the cause for which the Congress stands."

MADRAS, Oct. 24 (U.P.I.): The Tamil Nad Congress Parliamentary Committee has recommended the name of Mr. V. C. Vellingiri Gounder for Salem-cum-Coimbatore Constituency.

It will be recalled that names of Mr. G. Narasingha Rao and Mrs. Radhabai Subbarayan were previously recommended for these Constituencies and the Congress Central Parliamentary Committee did not agree with the selection.

Jaipur Conference Demands Responsible Govt. In States

Members Of Constituent Assembly Must Be Elected On Widest Possible Franchise

JAIPUR, Oct. 24 (A.P.I.): The Standing Committee of All India States Peoples Conference after three days deliberations under Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's presidentship has furmulated the demands of the Indian State's people in regard to the future status of the people of Indian States 'vis-a-vis' British India.

The Committee has passed a comprehensive resolution declaring that constitutional changes in British India should be followed by full responsible Government in Indian states as integral parts of a free India. The Committee also demands that in the constitution making body the people of the Indian states must be represented on the widest franchise possible.

The following is the text of the resolution:—

"The Standing Committee wishes to declare afresh that constitutional changes in British India can only be acceptable, if they are based on full responsible Government in states as integral parts of a free India.

Further that any constitution making body should have as its members from states representatives of the peoples elected on a wide franchise which should at least approximate to the franchise at present prevailing for legislative assemblies in the provinces.

Such representatives will represent the people's wishes and will have the same status and representative character as members from provinces.

Any other method of representation in constituent assembly will necessarily mean lower status for members from the Indian states and joining together of democratic representations and autocratic nominees, which will be a travesty of democratic procedure and is likely to lead to deadlocks.

It is essential, therefore, that the states people should be represented on a fully democratic basis.

The Standing Committee has noted statements made on or on bchalf of some Ruling Princes to the effect that they are desirous of enlarging the liberties of their people and do not wish to come in the way of India's freedom.

RULERS' OFFER

While appreciating these sentiments the Committee would point out that vague statements are not helpful at present when final decisions are impending. The States People's Conference would willingly co-operate with the rulers and governments of states on the basis indicated above with a view to the establishment of responsible government in the states on a line with the democratic government in the provinces.

In particular any change in the policy of the states governments must begin with full recognition of civil liberties without which it is impossible to have free elections or to make any substantial progress in the directions of freedom and representative institution.

NEXT SESSION

JAIPUR, Oct. 24 (A.P.I.): The Standing Committee after disposing of the most important political question dealt with many other matters of interest to the people of the Indian states.

The Committee accepted the invitation from Udaipur to hold the next session of the conference there.

Other items considered by the committee, appointed at the last session of the All-India States People's Conference at Kashmir.

The Committee has decided to keep its permanent head office at Bombay with a branch office at Delhi.

A good deal of time was taken up in discussing amendments to the constitution of the All-India States Peoples Conference so as to enable Indian States, at present handicapped on account of registration or such other laws in certain states, to get themselves affiliated or recognised by the All-India States People's Conference.

RIVALRY ENDS

One result of the holding of the Standing Committee of the All-India States People's Conference at Jaipur and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's visit is the dissolution of the Azad Morcha or State Congress, which is a rival organisation to the Prajamandal. This body came into existence in 1942.

Pandit Nehru left by car for Ajmer yesterday. Before his departure he expressed satisfaction at the results of his visit to Jaipur.

PAKISTAN THAT APPEALED TO MAHATMA

Dr. Abdul Latif Corrects Press Reports Of His Bezwada Speech

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Oct. 23 (API): "A great ideal is never scuttled or thrown away in a cavalier style by one who has conceived and nursed it" says Dr. Syed Abdul Latif clearing misunderstanding which has arisen over his recent speech at Bezwada on Pakistan.

In a press statement he says that a certain amount of misunderstanding has arisen in some quarters over his speech on the Pakistan issue delivered at Bezwada on October 14. The press report was just a summary and those who followed my political views would not have fallen into misunderstanding on that account. The Press report referred only to my opposition to a Pakistan in absolute isolation, such as sponsored by the Muslim League, which in my humble opinion will not only break the solidarity of the Mussalmans of India but economically and from the standpoint of Defence will be an impossible proposition.

But the report did not refer specifically to what I said in regard to the distinct advantage which the Muslims of India, both in the majority and minority areas, will secure if the proposed Pakistan States were organically linked to the rest of India in union with sovereign states in a manner which should not allow any state or group of states to dominate the rest.

The latter plan for which I always stood and still stand in its rough outline slowly succeeded in making its intellectual appeal to Mahatma Gandhi in his personal capacity.

If, with necessary modifications mutually agreed, the League and the Congress can see their way to bless it officially, I dare say the British Government and other political elements in the land, including the Indian States, will not find it difficult to join hands without further loss of time in setting up a free constitution for a Free India."

PETROL RESTRICTIONS MUST GO

Following a letter from the Govt. of India assuring that the petrol restrictions would be relaxed as soon as conditions permit the W. I. A. A. President on behalf of the managing committee of the W. I. A. A. has sent a telegram to the Govt of India demanding immediate return to basic ration of 1941 pending abolition of restrictions.

The President points that as the war has ended large quantities of petrol meant for military are presently at the disposal of the Govt.

Demanding return to 1941 basic ration the President appeals to the Govt. of India to issue instructions to the Provincial Rationing Petrol authorities to the effect.

AZAD HIND FAUJ WEEK

I. N. A. Relief Fund Committee Chalks Out Programme

Mr. J. Leon D'Souza, the Jt. Hon Secretary of the I.N.A. Relief Fund, writes:—

A meeting of the I.N.A. Relief Fund Committee was held in the Mayor's Room, Corporation Hall on 22nd October, 1945 to decide on the programme for the Azad Hind Fauj Week which will be inaugurated on the 5th November, 1945 the day on which the trial of the I.N.A. men begins, with a mass meeting on Chowpatty sands.

Messrs. Bharat Transport, Singh Transport and M. K. J. & Co., have offered to place a fleet of lorries at the disposal of the Committee. These will be used to convey women and men volunteers to various centres for collection.

The 5th November 1945 being Divali Day and a public holiday only Hindu commercial centres will be concentrated upon for collection. The offices in the Fort area and the principal local Railway Stations will be negotiated on the 6th November, 1945. Considering the almost universal sympathetic reaction to the purpose of the fund a huge collection is expected. Monies have already started pouring in. A donation of Rs. 5,000 by P. K. Badiani Rs. 2,500 by a firm of M/s. Nagindas Lallubhai & Sons through Mr. Nathalal D. Parikh and of Rs. 1,102 by Sardar Balwantsingh Dhody was announced, and received with thanks by the Committee. Besides this Amritlal D. Sheth informed the meeting that he was preparing a brochures with the title Jai-Hind, to be sold at Rs. 5 per brochure the entire net proceeds to be donated to the Fund.

"BLITZ" SPECIAL

Mr. R. K. Karanjia is also producing a special supplement of the "Blitz" in connection with the collection. Tokens will be sold the design of which will be prepared by M/s. B. R. Gobhai and Amritlal D Sheth and will consist of a suitable design against the background of India.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is also expected to come down to Bombay for the I.N.A. Week.

I.N.A. DEFENCE COMMITTEE (MARATHA SECTION)

The Secretary, Dr. J. M. Bhapker, of the I.N.A. Defence Committee (Maratha Section), writes:

Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh, Bar-at-Law, has taken up the work of Defence and will proceed to Delhi on 29th inst.

The Private Secretary of the C.-in-C. has written to him that every Maratha who will be tried will be given the opportunity to defend himself if he so wishes by the lawyer of the I. N. A. D. C., Maratha Section.

The Maratha Section has started Defence and Relief Fund for the same purpose and will be glad to receive all available information from the defendants of these soldiers who seek any kind of aid from this Committee. All such letters should be addressed to him at Ratgari's Blocks, DeLisle Road, Bombay 13.

Deshmukh Is Not A Happy Choice

The Secretary of the Sion and Matunga Taluka Congress Samithis writes to say that the following resolution was passed at a meeting of Congress workers:—

"This meeting of the Congress workers of Sion and Matunga held at Podar College strongly deprecate the recommendation of Dr. G. V. Deshmukh as a Congress nominee to the Central Assembly by the Bombay Provincial Parliamentary Board, and request the Central Parliamentary Board not to accept this recommendation.

This meeting is further of the opinion that in all future nominations of the Congress the District and Taluka Congress Samithies be consulted and their opinions be taken into consideration before final choice.

This meeting wishes to point out that there is great dissatisfaction and discontentment regarding the selection of Dr. Deshmukh whose antecedents have been detrimental to the Indian National Congress and the Indian people."

Free Medicine For Asthma

Messrs. Vishram Khimji write:

Swami Shri Shankaranandji has come to Bombay. Swamiji is distributing free medicines to patients suffering from Asthma, heart and lung diseases and many other ailments. He is available to public at Mulji Nivas, C.P. Tank, for a few days only from 9 to 11 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

Indian Colonial Conference To Be Held In Lahore

The subject of the position and status of Indians abroad in the post-war world is one of urgent importance and complexity. In order to prepare the ground for a living contact with them and study their problems firsthand, it has been decided to hold the Second Indian Colonial Conference in Lahore about the X-mas time. All communications may be addressed to Mr. T. K. Swaminathan, Org. Secretary, "Indian Colonial Society," 61, Podar Chambers, Fort, Bombay.

Plight Of China Catholics

CHUNGKING, Oct. 24. (Reuter): The former Papal envoy Dr. Paul Yu Pin, now Bishop of Nanking told Reuter to-day that the Catholic Church in China had suffered "tremendous damage from war". But the Bishop, who has just returned from Nanking, found scattered Catholics still in good spirit".

Four million Catholics of China are dispersed among 150 dioceses. There are 100 Bishops and nearly 7,000 priests in the country.

Chungking And Communist Representatives Confer

CHUNGKING, October 23 (Reuter): Representatives of the Government and the Communist Party are reported to be meeting today to try to prevent the present clashes between Communists and Central Government troops in Shantung Province from developing into a full scale civil war.

Gen. Ho Shuyuan Governor of Shangtung who is described in the Chungking Communist newspaper "Hain Hua Joh Pao" as a man who says "rather be conquered by the Japanese than the Communists" said that he hoped that the unity talks between Government and Communist leaders would make it unnecessary for the Government to declare war. Otherwise Government troops would have to fight for every squareyard of the Province, he said.

PLIGHT OF 25,000 SURAT WEAVERS

Threatened With Unemployment Due To Transport Bottleneck

SURAT, Oct. 24 (API): Twenty-five thousand powerloom and handloom weavers of Surat are threatened with unemployment owing to shortage of yarn and the difficulty in exporting manufactured cloth. A representative of the weaving industry told an 'Associated Press of India' correspondent that 5,000 men were already jobless and hundreds of other men were being gradually thrown out of work.

The second largest powerful centre in India, Surat has 5,500 looms. In normal times 440,000 yards of cloth was produced every month. During the past three years, however, 1,000 looms have been rendered idle owing to shortage of yarn. Three factories containing about 500 looms were closed down recently.

On the other hand, the representative of weavers said, owing to the transport bottleneck, cloth worth one crore of rupees has accumulated with the weavers.

The weavers told the 'A. P. I.' that unless the Government followed a more liberal policy regarding supply of yarn and gave permission to export cloth, hundreds would be without work every day.

CEYLON PARTY WELCOMES NEHRU'S STATEMENT

POONA CITY, Oct. 24 (UPI): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's message regarding the Indo-Lanka Federation seems to have created a favourable impression among the people of Ceylon. A telegram received here by Mr. N. A. F. Meemanage from the President of the Ceylon National Congress, Mr. George De Silva, Health Minister of the Ceylon Government, states: "Welcome Pandit Nehru's statement. Freedom is, however, necessary first."

The Lanka Samasamaj Party has telegraphed the following to Mr. Meemanage: "The Union question does not arise until imperialism is overthrown. Welcome the formation of Socialist Soviet South-East Asia including India and Lanka."

Viramgam News

(From Our Correspondent)

VIRAMGAM, Oct. 23

Great scarcity of coal that was prevailing here is now over as adequate supply has been received and it will normalise our needs for the present.

Opening of a branch of Bombay Provincial Co-operative Bank at Dhandhuka that has been unavoidably delayed will, it is understood, take place early next month.

It transpires that the people of the neighbouring attached area of Baroda have asked for representation in the Legislature of the State.

NATURAL GAS FOUND NEAR GHOGHA

Sultan Chinoy Forecasts Spell Of Industrial Boom

SURAT, Oct. 24 (API): The natural gas abounding in the areas around Ghogha and in the large tract from the south-west of Kathiawar to the west of Broach can spell an industrial book for this region, if the gas is properly harnessed. This possibility is discussed in an article by Sir Sultan Chinoy published in a local paper.

Sir Sultan states that recently American experts experimenting in this region found that at a depth of 314 feet a large amount of gas is available. In an area of 12 sq. miles about 37,000 cubic feet of gas is coming out at a pressure of 224 pounds. These experts, the writer says, state that the areas around Gogha resemble the oil regions of America and Iran.

An analysis given in the article of the gases coming out from the area around Ghogha, Jagatia and Baroda shows that near Ghogha the gas contains 81.8 per cent of acetylene, while near Jagatia the acetylene contents are as much as 98 per cent.

Pandit Agarkar Dead

NAGPUR, Oct. 24 (UPI): The death occurred yesterday at Khandwa of Pandit S. M. Agarker, Editor of the "Hindi Swarajya" and President of the Central India States People's Conference at the age of 54. Pandit Agarkar was a popular Congress worker and his funeral was largely attended.

Khandwa observed hartal yesterday to mourn his death.

Plan To Make Hindustan Scouts Air-Minded

MADRAS, Oct. 24 (API): "The Hindustan Scouts Movement had a plan to make the scout air-minded and sea-minded as in other countries, but the success of the scheme depended largely on the Military authorities", said Pandit Hridyanath Kunzru, National Commissioner of the Hindustan Scouts' Association, explaining the purpose of the Scouts Movement at a party held at the Servants of India Society premises today.

Chalking out a plan for the immediate present, Pandit Kunzru said that the wiping out of adult illiteracy was essential. The teaching of the three R's alone would not do. But a knowledge of comparative conditions in other countries and rural development must be taught, he added.

Mr. W. Christie, the Chief Commissioner, Delhi, paid a visit to Dr. Agarwal's Eye Institute, 15, Daryaganj, Delhi, on the evening of the 20th October.

NURIE EXPOSES JINNAH'S TIRADE AGAINST CONGRESS

Call For Ending League Violence In Election Campaign Of Other Parties

BOMBAY, October 23. (O.P.I.): "When Mr. Jinnah talks of non-violent struggle of the people with contempt he shows his ignorance of the struggle which the Holy Prophet and his disciples had to carry on non-violently for 13 years in Mecca. The Quresh of Mecca used all kinds of violence against the Holy Prophet and his desciples and often tortured the poor unbelievers to death but they suffered all these humiliations and privation with such patience and courage that it even today it inspires the faithful Musalmans and they speak with pride and respect of their non-violent struggle and silent sufferings", declared Mr. M. Y. Nurie, ex-Minister, Bombay Government and President, Bombay Provincial Muslim Majlis, in the course of a statement on Mr. Jinnah's speeches of 16th and 18th at Quetta, to a special representative of the "Orient Press of India".

Continuing Mr. Nurie observed: "The whole gist of speeches of Mr. Jinnah, delivered at Quetta on October 16th and 18th is cheap tirade against all those persons who fought and suffered for the cause of their country, and the language used in the speech is unbecoming of a responsible leader of the position of Mr. Jinnah".

"Mr. Jinnah conveniently forgot that in these very non-violent struggles which started from 1920 in this country, people not only received police lathis but hundreds of them received bullets on their chest for the freedom of their country.

"No patriot Indian can laugh or mock at such sacrifice suffered in the cause of his country.

"If he and other leaders of the Muslim League are charged with making no sacrifice in the past for the cause of either Islam or the country, it is because none of them has ever made any sacrifice or suffered for such noble causes. The history of the last twenty-five years is before the country.

LEAGUE SIDES WITH BRITAIN

"Mr. Jinnah remarked in his speech that "every man and woman of the Muslim world will die before Jewry seizes Jerusalem." Does it lie in his mouth to say this today? Jerusalem has been seized long ago by non-Muslims, and it was for that that the Muslims of India fought in 1920 under the banner of the Khilafat and he and most of those Muslims who hold the leadership of the Muslim League today, ridiculed the Khilafat Movement; and they either stood away or actively supported the British occupation of Jerusalem. How can they now object to the seizure of Jerusalem? They have always sided with the Government and opposed such movements in the country.

"If their past record is any guidance, one can hardly expect that they will ever suffer or sacrifice for the cause of Islam or the country.

POSER TO JINNAH

"In his speech of 18th October, addressing the Muslim students, Mr. Jinnah said: "I want the free and fair elections are allowed and not hampered by the influence of Government or the Congress.

"Will he and his followers also allow fair and free elections to those Muslims who today fundamentally differ from the ideology of the League and honestly believe it to be harmful to Islam?

The way in which his followers have freely used violence against the respected leaders of other Muslim parties during the last month, is a clear indication that they don't want to allow the same freedom to others which they ask for from the Government or the Congress

"I want to make an appeal to the leaders of the Muslim League all over the country that they should ask their followers to refrain from these blackmail tactics. Such violent methods would not pay them but they are bound to create more bitterness and enmity among the Muslims. Let Mr. Jinnah remember that political parties differing in fundamental principles and ideologies cannot be subdued by violent methods.

"Every party should have freedom of conscience and speech to create healthy life in the country. The people should know and understand different political ideologies before they are called upon to register their vote."

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Tata Steel Shares Recover Early Losses In Late Trading

COTTON PRICES DECLINE ON FURTHER TIRED LIQUIDATION

Bullion Market Steady On Moderate Support

Bombay, Oct. 24.

The Share Bazar was fairly steady to-day with a restricted turnover and quotations moved within a narrow range. It appears that there was less buying urge and the market is entitled to a natural reaction after the recent rapid upward move. The technical position of the market is rendered weak as most of the urgent short interest is covered up. Thus it is not advisable to follow the rise at present.

Tata Steel Dfds opened at Rs. 2305 and quietened at Rs. 2300 Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 422 and steadied at Rs. 423. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1977 and steadied at Rs. 1982.

Later on there was somewhat increased selling which imparted quiet tone. Tata Steel Dfds, were quoted at Rs. 2295 and Ordinary Shares were placed at Rs. 421, Bombay Dyeings were steady at Rs 1983 while Kohinoors were steady at Rs. 606.

AFTERNOON SESSION

In the afternoon session there was moderate buying in Steel Shares while Mill Shares failed to show any marked change. At the close Tata Steel Dfds were placed at Rs. 2308. Ordinary Rs. 423. Bombay Dyeings Rs. 1986 and Kahinoors Rs. 606.

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing XD 1983/12 Century 912/8 Nagpur 396 Swadeshi 569/8 New Great 386 Simplex 293/8 Kohinoor 606 Colaba 251 Gokak 305 Phoenix 653/8 Mysore 286 Indian Bleaching 163 Swan 314/8 Finlay 289 Morarjee 140 Indore 702/8 Edward Sassoon 655

STEEL SHARES

Tata Steel Ord XD 421/8 Tata Steel Dfd XL 2292/8

ELECTRIC

Tata Hydro 204/8 Andhra XD 1820 Tata Power XD 1890 Tram Ord XD 150/4

CEMENT

Associated Merger 221/4

INDUSTRIES

Burma 547/8 Alcock 437/8 Bellapur 224/8 Shivrajpur 51/8 Steamer Ord 606/4 Scindia 38/3 Construction 208

CASH SECTION

MILLS: Apollo 3/15/9 Elphinstone 77 I U Ord 14 Delf 2/13/9 Indian Mfg 3580 Kurla 241/4 Khatau 325 Dawn 1102/8 Davia 1280 New City 37/8 Minerva 235 Bradbury 327/8 Bharucha Dfds 9 Bharat 58/4 Machavji 19 Model 256/4 Laxmi Cotton 1465 Vishnu Cotton 500 Western 3595 Sholapur 6850 Sassoon Cotton 23/4 Meyer Sassoon 197/8 Tata Mills 69/12 Ahd. Advance 415 Sassoon Silk 85/8 New Union 26 Poddar 330 Madhusudan 475 New 92 Shri Nivas 261/4 Raja Bahadur Poona XD 115 Berar 325

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad X.. 185/10 New Premium 52 Surat 243/12 Surat New Premium 132/8 Karachi 239/6 Broach 12/14 Ajme 19/8 Amalgamated 18/8 Jalgaon 11/9 Nagpur 51 Poona 285 Bombay Suburban 225 New Premium 100

BANKS

Reserve 152 Imperial 2320 P P 578/12 Central 89/8 India 201 Union 9/6 Baroda 150/12 Habib 50 International 47/8 A B C 44 Dena Bank 65 United 81/8 Jaipur 66 Hindustan 53/8 National Savings F P 72 P P 39/4 Mysore 366 Exchange 50

INSURANCE

Oriental 667/8 Empire 1210 New India 87/4 Jupiter 34/4 Vulcan 17/2 Indian Mercantile 65 Universal 15/6 Vasant 25/6 Br. I. Gen. 25/12 Ind. Prud 51/8 Neptune 10/8

RAILWAYS

All. Prantij 712/8 C P 112 Mymensing Reb 116/4 Guaranteed 115 Mandra Bhon 110/8 Sara Serajganj 116/8 Sialkot 117/8 New 54 Pachora 92/8 Hoshiarpur 117/4

MISCELLANEOUS

Burma New 188/12 Burma Petrol 5/10/8 Tata Oil 73/8 Mackenzie 13/8 Port Canning 115/8 Kemp 565 Zandu XD 195 Indian Radio Ord 38/8 B 350 Delf 425 Indian Investment Trust 121/8 Wimco 323/12 Tata Chemical 17 Dharamsi Chemical 35 Eastern Chemical 12/4 Mukund Iron 13 Dena Trust 23 Alembic 321/4 Supreme Industries 228/12 Jam Wire 129 Bombay Uganda 81 Bombay Cycle 38/8 Indian Cement (1937) 35 Walchand Nagar Industries 585

PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel 1st 226/4 Tata Steel Second XD 166 Tram 66/8 XD Andhra XD 1600 Tata Power XD 1700 Hydro 164/6 Bombay Steamer 352/8 Nagpur 730 Poddar 117 Elphinstone 125/10 Vishnu 780 Laxmi 300 New Great 251/4 Bradbury XD 510 Surat Elec. XD 215 Premier Const. 1st 145 Second 135/8 Amalgamated 153/12 Tata Chemical 124 Walchand Industries 283/12

OTHER SHARES

Indian Iron 41/8 Bengal Steel 35/3 Indian Copper 3/5 B. I. C. 7/9/6 Burma Coporation 6/11 New Victoria Mill 8/1 Victoria Pref 10/2 Cawnpore Tex 12/12 Raja Tex 69 Phallon 150 Gold Mohar 320 New Kaiser-Hind 255 Sajjan 410 Osmanshahi 327/8 Ajamshani 600

GOLD & SILVER

The bullion market opened quiet today but under scattered buying quotations registered small improvement. It is said that the daily off-take is now below daily arrivals but in view of approaching Divalli Holidays, a section looks for increased deamnd.

Forward Gold opened at Rs. 77/4 and advanced to Rs 77/12 under moderate buying and steadied at Rs. 77/8. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 77/10 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 53/9.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Oct. 24.

MILLS

Apollo 3/15/6 3/15/9
Bharat 57/12 58/8
Bradbury (Pref) 510
B. Dyeing 1980 72/8 90 83/12 86/4 77/6 86/4 82/8 85 83/12
Central India (Ord) 395 94 97 95 96/8 96
Century 912/8
Colaba 250/8 51 50 51
Edward 655
Elphinstone (Ord) 77
Finlay 289 88 91 89
Gokak 305/8 5
India United Defd 2/13/9 2/13/6 2/13/9
India United Ord 13/15/6 13/15 14/1 14
Indore 702/8 6/4 700 702/8
Kohinoor 603/8 2/8 7/8 5/8 7 3/8 6/8 5/8 6
Luxmi 146
Meyer 197/8
Model 256/4
Morarjee 140 45 40
New City 376/4 77/8
New Grea. 386/8 85/8 87 86
Podar 327/8
Sassoon Silk 85/8
Sassoon Cotton 23/5 23/4
Simplex 293 92/8 94/8 93 94 93/8
Swadeshi 566 68/8 67 70 68 69 66 70 69 69/8
Swan 313/8 15/8 14/8
Tata Mills 69/12 70 69/12
Vishnu Cotton 502/8 500
Western India 3595

BANKS

Baroda 151 50/12
Central 89/8 89/12 89/8
Exchange 50
Imperial (Old) 2327/8 20
Imperial (New) 577/8 76/4
India 201 200
Reserve 151 52
Union 9/6
United Commercial 81/8

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 183/12 83/2 85/10
Andhra Valley 1818/12 16/4 20
Tram (Ord) 150/8 50 50/8 50 50/4
Tram (Pref) 69 68/8
Surat Elect 243/12
Hydro 204/8 5 3/8 4/8
Power 1890 96/4 90

INSURANCE

British India 26/12
New India 88/8 87/4
Bombay Steam (Ord) 610 6/4
Bombay Steam (Pref) 352/8
Scindia 38/7 38/3 38/5 38/2 38/3
Bengal Steel 35/5 35/3
Indian Iron 41/11 41/8
Tata Steel Defd 2308/12 5 7/8 2293/12 2315 2/8 8/12 2283/12 97/8 92/8 97/8 92/8 95 92/8
Tata Steel Ord 422/8 23/8 21 23/8 2 19/8 22 21 21/8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref 166 66/8 66

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 461/4 52/8 51/8
A. Cement 221/8 21 21/12 21 21/4
Belapur 225/8 24 25/8 25/8
Burma (Old) 547/8 50 47/8
Burman (New) 188/12
B. B. Petrol 5/10/6 5/10 5/10/3
Dharamsey Chemical 35
Indian Bleaching 163
I. I. Trust 121/8
Port Canning 114/12 15/8
P. Construction (Ord) 207/7 8
Shivrajpur 51/8
Tata Chemical (Ord) 17/8 17
Tata Oil 73 73/12 73/8
Western India Match 323/12
Pachora Jamner Ely. 92/4
Kemp Co. 565

Forward Silver opened at Rs. 132/4 and after advancing to Rs. 132/12 steadied at Rs. 132/10. Ready Silver of 96 per cent fineness was quoted at Rs. 132/10 while 99 per cent fineness fetched annas eight more at Rs. 133/2.

The market was fairly steady throughout the session and finally closed as under.

Ready Silver	132	12	0
Forward Silver	132	12	0
Ready Gold	77	9	0
Forward Gold	77	7	0
Sovereigns	53	8	0

BOMBAY COTTON

The local Cotton Market opened quiet to-day at Rs. 403/8 for January delivery and declined to Rs. 402 under further long liquidation. It appears that those who bought on hopes of renewal of exports of Indian cotton see no chance for broadening demand and are inclined to liquidate forward holdings. Later January declined to Rs 399.

After touchinng Ss. 398/4 level January contract improved on short covering and steadied at Rs. 400/12. The market finally closed at 5-30 p.m. as under:

I.C.C. January	401	0	0
I.C.C March	410	4	0
I.C.C. May	422	0	0

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

I.C.C. January Highest 403. Lowest 403-1/2. Closing at 5-30 p.m. 403-3/4.

I.C.C. March Highest 417-1/2 Lowest 412-1/2. Closing at 5-30 p.m. 412-3/4.

I.C.C. May Highest 429-1/2 Lowest 424-1/2. Closing at 5-30 p.m. 424 1/2

Karachi 4F Jan. Highest 42/13/6. Lowest 42/6/3. Closing at 5.30 p.m. 42/6/6.

COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton January Contract is 311 cent points below New York January at Exchange rate 331.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

Tata Ordinary 421, Tata Deferred 2292/8, Indian Iron 41/10 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 35/6, Bombay Dyeing 1983/12 Central India 393/12. Century 910, Gokak 303/12. Kohinoor 605. Simplex 293/8, Andhra Valley 1812/8 Tata Hydro 204/6, Tata Power 1888/12 Asrociated Cement 221, Belapur 225. Bombay Burma (Old) 547/8.

Steel And Motor Shares Decline On N. Y. Stock Exchange

REALISING AND HEDGING IN NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

New York, Oct. 23

Wall Street opened firm and moderately active. Scattered spots of strength persisted, although many leaders declined. Buying was inspired by the usual aforementioned factors. However traders were cautious pending the expected announcement of the wage and price policy. Steels and motors were depressed by the somewhat cloudier labour situation and led to a downward swing which at the worst resulted in losses of one to three points on a wide front. Trends retreated sharply on the pick up of activity when U. S. steel disclosed that the Corporation had rejected the wage increase demand. The strike vote by general motors due to-morrow stressed the difficulty in this filed and holders of metal and automotive issues quickly sought to cover. Extreme declines were reduced in the majority of cases towards the close which was easy. American Telephone 185 1/4 (185 1/2); Amerex Corpn 37 (37 1/4); Anaconda Copper 38 3/4 (39 3/8); Chase National Bank 45 (45 5/8); Consolidated Oil 17 1/8 (16 1/4); Firestone Tyre and Rubber 68 (68 1/2); General Electric 47 3/8 (48 1/8); General Motors 72 3/4 (74 1/4); Ingersol Rand 133 1/2 (133 1/2); International Nickel 35 3/8 (36 1/8); National City Bank 49 (49); New York Central Rail 27 3/4 (28 1/4); Socony Vacuum Corporation 16 5/8 (16 3/4); Texas Corpn 58 1/4 (59); Union Carbon 97 1/4 (97 1/4); U. S. Smelting 70 (72); U. S. Steel 80 3/4 (81 7/8); Western Union Tel 54 (54).

DECLINE IN PRICES

Cotton opened steady and unchanged. Early trading was hesitant and the market subsequently turned reactionary owing to increased realising and more or less hedges, technical considerations and Washington reports that the administration will seek to hold the line on prices and urge compromise wage increases. Occasional rallies, attributable to pace bill possibilities and recent export credits and lower crop ideas and rains in the central and eastern belt, encountered renewed pressure. Latterly occasional rallies met renewed realising and hedges due to evidence of the administration's endeavours on holdline policies and technical considerations and the prospect of more labour troubles especially in the auto and steel industries. The session closed barely steady.

CHICAGO GRAINS MARKET

After early firmness attributed to inflationary sentiment and additional c c c purchases of cashwheat and a sharp advance in Winnipeg, prices reacted reflecting increasing uncertainties over future wage and price policies and the ultimate outcome of the pace bill.

December 1.76 1/8 to 1.76 1/8 (1.75 5/8 to 1.75 3/4)

May 1.74 3/8 to 1.74 1/4 (1.74 to 1.74)

July 1.68 1/4 to 1.68 3/8 (1.68 1/4 to 1.68 3/8).

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Oct. 23.

December		23.60—16
December highest (10-30 a.m.)		23.73+01
December lowest (3 p.m.)		23.60—16
January		23.68—16
March		23.73—15
May		23.75—14
July		23.58—16
October		23.14—13
December		23.09—16
Middling Spot		24.09—17

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York Oct. 23.

December		23.67—13
March		23.77—11
May		23.76—12
July		23.61—12
October		23.19—13
Middling Spot		23.20—15

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL.

New York Oct. 23.

December	23.68
March	23.78
May	23.78

BOMBAY PRODUCE

BOMBAY, Oct. 24.

The local produce market was steady with a moderate business passing. No business was reported with the British Food Ministry in Groundnuts as the Ministry was a buyer at £33.2.6 while local offers were made at £33.5.0. In the local market quotations were as under.

Groundnuts Madras Goa delivery for November/January Rs. 16/5/6. December/February Rs. 16/3/6. Khandesh quality Bombay Rs 16/3. Castorseeds Bombay Rs. 15/6. Navlakhi Rs. 15/8 while Goa delivery business was done at Rs. 15/10. Linseed C.P. and C.I. Rs 18/12. February/March Rs. 17/12 and March/May was Rs. 17/10.

Bengal Treasury Bills

Tenders for Rs. 3,50,00,000—of three months' Government of Bengal Treasury Bills will be received at the offices of the Reserve Bank of India, Bombay and Calcutta, upto 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 1st November.

Successful tenderers will be required to make payment and take up their bills on Tuesday, the 6th November.

Assam Treasury Bills

Tenders for Rs. 3.50.00.000—of three months' Government of Assam Treasury Bills were opened on Wednesday the 24th October. Total amount offered was Rs. 6,30,00,000.

Tenders at Rs. 99-14-6 were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-14-3 allotted approximately 54 per cent. Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. 3,50,00,000 —the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-6-10 per cent per annum.

Calicut Quotations

Calicut, Oct. 24.

Cocoanuts raw 95; Dry 95; Cocoanut Oil 367/8; Copra Office 235; Dupasand 250; Madrasnottam 260; Goodgooda 260; Pepper Wynaad 345; Country 335; Dryginger Chernad 235; Ernad 220; Coffee Robusta 90

KUTCH HUNDI.

BHUJ, Oct. 24.

To-day Hundi Koris 384/385.

HAPUR MARKETS QUOTATIONS.

HAPUR, Oct. 24.

Wheat 10/4, Peas Ready 9, Khattis Old 7/11, New 8. Bejhar 9/6, Maize 7/4, Arhar Ready 7/4. Old Khattis 6/12, Urad 14, Moong 11, Stocks Wheat 3 Peas 35, Arhar 72, Bejhar 2, Khattis Gur 10/8. Jaggery Powder 13/8. Bardana Ready 51 to 52, Maha 54/3. Silver 133/5, Gold 76/4. Bullion undertone easy on profit taking sales.

Silver Ceiling Price Under Consideration

OTTAWA, Oct. 23 (Reuter).—It was announced in the Canadian House of Commons that representations for an increase in the silver ceiling price are under consideration by the Government.

"DISSOLVE EMPIRE DOLLAR POOL"

Indian Exporters Association President's Plea

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Presiding over the third annual general meeting of the Indian Exporters' Association at the Radio Club at noon today Mr. G. B. Kotak, president of the Association, pleaded for the dissolution of the Empire Dollar Pool and the release of the amount accrued to the credit of India so that it might be used for the country's essential needs. The speaker observed that the Empire Dollar Pool like the Sterling Pool had proved another milestone around India's neck imposed by Britain. In the present circumstances the industrial planning scheme of the Government was likely to remain on paper only.

Dealing with the question of overseas trade, Mr. Kotak said:

"With the cessation of hostilities, the favourable balance of India's overseas trade during the war years is bound to shrink. It is worthwhile to note that the maximum favourable balance of trade resulted not necessarily from an outstanding increase in India's exports as from considerable shrinkage of imports. The common belief is, therefore, erroneous that the miseries of India were the result of exports. The end of the European war has raised the imports by 70% in 1944-45, while our exports have scarcely made a total gain of 6%. Thus India's favourable balance of trade is rapidly undergoing a change. It is further interesting to note that while we have maintained a favourable balance of trade with Empire countries, our trade balance has become adverse with non-Empire countries like U. S. A., Egypt and Iran from whom our imports are much higher than our exports. The important commodities in which our exports have fallen in comparison to pre-war years are cotton, oilseeds, hides and skins and raw jute The marked gain is in cotton manufactures, jute manufactures and tea etc."

Proceeding, Mr. Kotak emphasized the desirability of a comprehensive export policy to be announced by the Government of India. He further characterised the government's decision to reduce the export of textiles from 600 million yards to 409 million yards as a retrograde step. This, he said, would have an adverse effect on the export trade in textiles at this stage.

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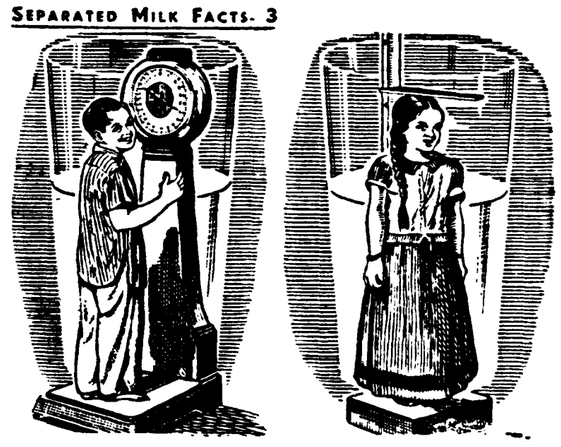
SEPARATED MILK FACTS- 3



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(Issued under the guidance of the Nutrition Committee, Bombay)

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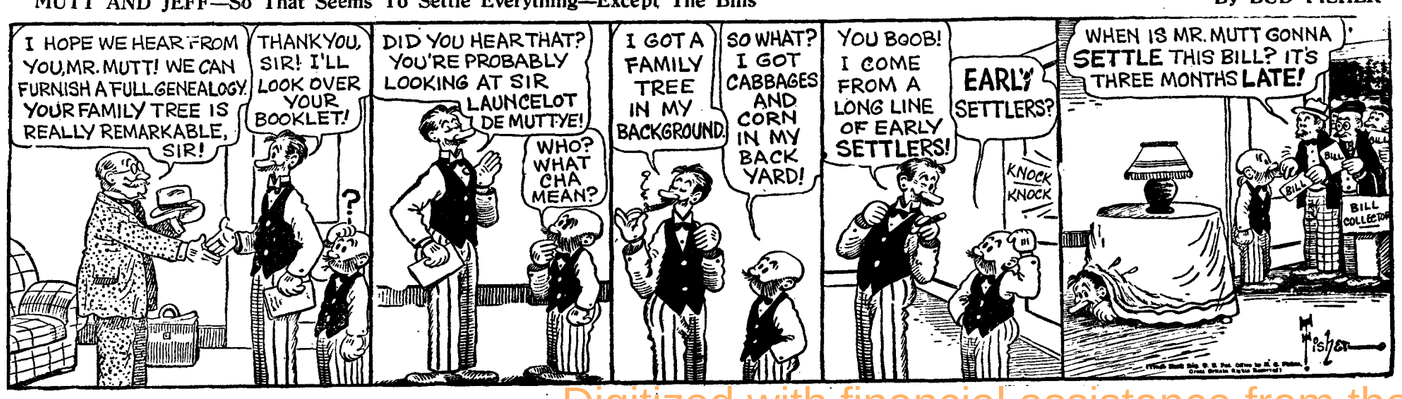
By BUD FISHER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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the posts of Veterinary Assistant Surgeons and Cattle Supervisor under the Milk Commissioner to the Government of Bombay, Finance Department (Supply), in connection with the scheme for the establishment of salvage centres at certain places in the Province of Bombay.

QUALIFICATIONS: Veterinary graduates for the post of Veterinary Assistant Surgeons and experience of farm management for Supervisor. Pay scale will be Rs. 60-5-110-5-160 'plus' dearness allowance for Veterinary Assistant Surgeons and Rs. 180-10-270 'plus' dearness allowance and permanent Travelling Allowance for Supervisor.

Applications with copies of testimonials should be forwarded so as to reach the Dy. Milk Commissioner to the Government of Bombay, Finance Department (Supply), Secretariat, Fort, Bombay, not later than 4th November 1945.

R. R. RANA,
Establishment Officer,
Finance Department (Supply),
Bombay.
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BENGAL ASSAM RAILWAY

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for general information that the Railway system now known as the Bengal and Assam Railway will, with effect from 1-11-1945, be known as the Bengal Assam Railway (B. A. Railway).

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NOTICE.

KNOW ALL PERSONS to whom it may concern that it has been represented to us by Mr. Thakersey Gopalji holder of our policy No. A55498 issued in his favour and by Messrs. Devji Rattansey, Hansraj Rattansey, Laxmidas Rattansey and Doongershi Rattansey sons and heirs of Rattansey Hirji and the representatives in interest of the firm of Messrs. Hirji Govindji of Baroda Street, Mandvi, Bombay the assignees of the said policy that the said policy has been lost and that it was not in any manner transferred or encumbered to which effect they have furnished us with an affidavit duly sworn to by them. In the premises, anybody dealing with the said policy will do so at his risk, and unless valid objections are received at this office within 15 days from the date hereof, the said policy will be made null and void and cancelled and a duplicate policy issued in the name of the said holder in due course.

N. DATTA,
Secretary,
Hindusthan Co-operative Insurance
Society Ltd., Calcutta.
Date 25-10-45.
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G.I.P. RAILWAY—TENDERS.

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for Reconditioning of Scrap Lead Battery with dust. Forms obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Farel, Bombay 13, at Rs. 2|- per copy, not refundable. Money Order or cash only. Closing date 12-11-1945 at 3 p. m. (S. T.).
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PUBLIC NOTICES

RECRUITMENT TO VACANCIES UNDER CIVIL GOVERNMENT FOR WAR SERVICE CANDIDATES.

ARRANGEMENTS are now proceeding for the recruitment of 'war service' candidates for war-reserved vacancies in the Indian Civil Service (including the Indian Political Service), the Indian Police and the superior services under the Central Government and Provincial Governments. Intending candidates can obtain copies of pamphlets containing full details of these appointments and the recruitment regulations from UNIT EDUCATION OFFICERS in the case of candidates in the forces, and in the case of others from THE FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SIMLA. One pamphlet deals with the Indian Civil Service and the Indian Police, another deals with the Central Services and there is one pamphlet for the services under each Provincial Government.

Applications on prescribed forms must reach THE SECRETARY, FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SIMLA, ON OR BEFORE THE 30TH NOVEMBER, 1945, or within six months of the date on which the candidate attains the minimum age-limit.

The qualifications required are briefly as follows:—

AGE:—Candidates must have attained the age of 21 (19 in the case of the Indian Police) and must be below 30 years (28 in case of the Indian Police). Candidates over 25 years (23 in the case of the Indian Police) of age must have rendered 'war service' for the period by which their age exceeds 25. Older people are eligible to certain technical posts. In respect of the Indian Civil Service (including the Indian Political Service) and the Indian Police, only those who satisfy the age qualification as on the 15th August, 1945, are eligible to compete.

EDUCATION:—The minimum qualification for all services is the Intermediate or equivalent examination. In the case of the Indian Civil Service and certain other services, there must in addition be evidence that the candidate would have taken a degree but for his war service. For the technical Services there are various technical qualifications which are specified in the pamphlets.

'WAR SERVICE'—Includes all Service in His Majesty's Forces. Other categories of war services are defined in the pamphlets.

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NOTICE

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		Sq. yds
(6) In 36" wide rolls	...	35,130

2. The goods will be sold subject to the conditions of the contract laid down in form Con. 117 which can be seen at the offices of the Controllers of Supplies (Disposals Branch) at Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Cawnpore, Karachi and Lahore and Director of Disposals, New Delhi.

3. Samples can be seen at any of the offices mentioned in para 2 above. The stores can also be inspected at site on permits to be issued by Director of Disposals, New Delhi on request.

4. Offers in tenderer's own form in a sealed cover superscribed "Tender No. DGD/SR-2217/TEX should be accompanied by a deposit at call receipt for Rs. 1,000/- deposited as earnest money in the Imperial or Reserve Bank of India or a Government Treasury in favour of Director of Disposals, New Delhi.

5. Tender should reach Director of Disposals, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi by 4 P.M. on 2nd November 1945.

6. Offers should remain open for acceptance upto 30th November, 1945

7. Delivery of the stores will be ex-site and removal should be completed within 20 days from the date of issue of sale letter.

8. Tenderers are at liberty to quote for the entire quantity or a portion thereof.

9. Rates should be quoted per 100 Nos. against item 1 to 5 and per yd. for item 6.

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AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF Tarred Paper Waste, Paper Waste Brown, Hoop Iron Bits, Oil Drums, Asbestos thin Cord, Blankets, Water Bottles, Holders Detectors Gas Spray Training, Iron Sheets Knives, Manilla, Antigas Ointment, Coir Ropes, Whistles, Linen Hire Hose, Steel Helmets, Walking Sticks, Generators, etc on 26-10-45 at 11 A.M. (S.T.) at Ordnance Clothing Factory, Modern Mill's Compound, Jacob Circle, by order of the Controller of Supplies, Disposals Branch Bombay.

Terms: 10% Deposit.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY Candidates for the temporary posts of clerks in the Rationing Offices in Bombay and Bombay Suburbs. Minimum qualifications required—failed matric. Pay Rs. 50-5|2-90 plus dearness allowance. Starting pay to Matrics will be Rs. 55|- p.m. Applicants will have to produce original certificates and testimonials in support of examinations which they claim to have passed. Particulars about domicile, age, experience, if any, and community (including caste) should be clearly mentioned in the application. Preference will be given to the members of the scheduled classes.

2. Applications may be taken personally or sent so as to reach the Assistant Controller of Rationing, Khan Saheb R. K. Joshi, at the Royal Institute of Science Building, not later than the 29th October 1945.

R. R. RANA,
Establishment Officer,
Finance Department (Supply),
Bombay.
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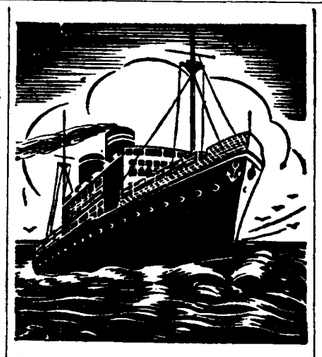

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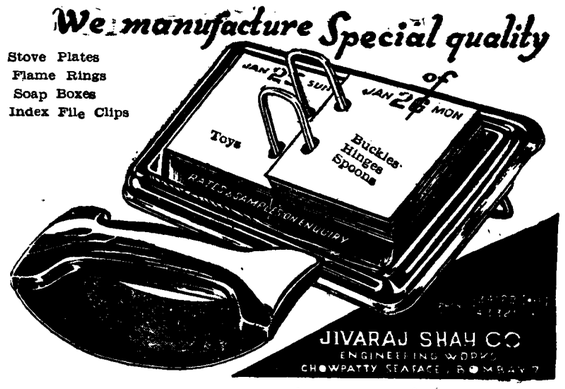

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(1) Thoroughly soak the garment to be washed — it makes no difference whether you do it under a tap or in a tub or tank or stream.

(2) When you've made the garment very wet, rub Sunlight Soap all over it (rub Sunlight very generously on the dirtiest parts).

(3) Knead the soapy garment gently but thoroughly. *Don't beat it.* Just knead (in the way you knead dough when making chappatis), squeezing the soapy lather right into and through the texture of the cloth. There's no need for the cloth to be rubbed hard, or roughly handled at all. ***Sunlight's "self-acting" lather will gently lift out all the dirt—if you make sure, by thorough kneading, that Sunlight's "self-acting" lather reaches all the dirt. The "live" soap in this energetic lather loosens dirt almost as soon as it touches it—detaches the dirt from the cloth, and absorbs it into the lather so that when you rinse the cloth free from lather you rinse it free from dirt.***

(4) Rinse the garment free from the lather — which now contains the dirt.

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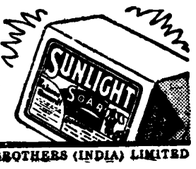

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